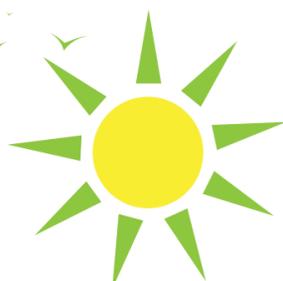


Forest Produce Gatherers

Every year, Forest Produce is estimated to create **10 million** workdays across the country



Forest Produce is also referred to as Minor Forest Produce (MFP) or Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP)

The key Forest Produce are:

Lac | Tamarind | Mahua Flower | Tendu Leaves | Sal | Chironji | Mango | Mahua Fruits | Silk Cocoons | Bamboo | Kullu Gum | Resin

Eight states account for 11.8% of India's recorded forest:



In the **1860's**, the British restricted communities' right to MFP

1980's: Forest Policy recognizes the importance of MFP to communities but has no legally binding provisions

1990's: Joint Forest Management is mooted with community participation in management and resource use

1996: Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act gives ownership of MFP to communities

2008: Forest Rights Act comes into force in 2008, giving communities rights to conserve and manage all MFP (defined as everything that is not timber and timber products)

2010: Idea of Minimum Support for MFP mooted

August **2013:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs announces Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce



50%

of India's plant species yield Minor Forest Produce

The NTFP sector has a value of over **Rs. 6000** crores per year

NTFP contributes **20% to 40%** of annual income of forest dwellers



MFP is estimated to have a dependent population of **100 million**