

Summary of the progress

Working Group 3: Understory plants

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The identification of the understory plants and their uses (medicinal, aromatic, edible etc) as well as the current commercial status of them (local use/commercial, wild collection/cultivation).in the European countries was the first step. The understory plants were categorized according to FAO classification as followed: 1) Edible, 2) Medicinal and aromatic, 3) Forage, 4) Ornamental, 5) Colorants and dyes, 6) Utensils, handicrafts & construction and 7) Others. A list (an excel file) was spread to the WG members, represented 16 countries in order to be filled. Six countries responded and a preliminary list for each category has been developed.

Next steps

The above list will be will be completed with the contribution from all the countries. Other information will be added to the completed list (part of the plant edible, medicinal/aromatic, the way of use etc). The target products of each category will be selected. Additionally, two review papers will be prepared.

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