

# 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. Ten countries responded and a preliminary list for each category has been developed. The most important understory products were presented by six countries. The topics of two papers and their progress were discussed

### **Next steps**

The above list 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). Additionally, about the review papers two sort questionnaires will be prepared in order information about grazing in forest and about the property rights/open access in the NWFP (understory and/or all) to collected.

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