



## Non-timber Forest Products: Beyond the Wood

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Non-wood forest products (NWFPs) are a source of income and constitute non-negligible rural economies, especially in territories where wood resources are not fully utilised.

We welcome research that includes local case studies, international comparisons, and transdisciplinary studies of relevance to sustainable forest management, the production of non-timber forest products, and their postharvest management. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Factors influencing the development and quality of forest products;
- Local ecological knowledge and its dynamics concerning NWFPs;
- Silviculture and forest management for the sustainable sourcing of NWFPs;
- Marketing channels and consumer choice;
- Advanced practices to enhance the quality and shelf life of products;
- Circular economy in forest production;
- New uses of forest products;
- Testing procedures for the quality assurance of fruits and vegetables during postharvest storage as well as marketing;
- Factors that can contribute to the loss of fruit and vegetable quality;
- Value chain management and postharvest handling.





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