

CONTRIBUTIONS TO NON-WOOD NEWS

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A strong characteristic of *Non-Wood News* is that it is open to contributions from readers. Should you have any interesting material on any aspect of NWFPs that could be of benefit to all our readers, please do not hesitate to submit it. Articles are welcomed in English, French and Spanish and should be between 200–500 words.

The deadline for contributions for *Non-Wood News 20* is 31 October 2009.

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COMMENTS FROM AN INTERN

"Think global, act local," this is the omnipresent motto in my hometown (Eugene, Oregon, USA). As a result Eugene always buzzes with the activity of new local initiatives, from urban farming to restoring traditional NWFP harvesting. However, we can easily overlook the benefits local communities receive when people act globally. *Non-Wood News* is one such example of global action resulting in direct benefits for local communities all over the world.

By contributing to and reading *Non-Wood News* and the NWFP-Digest, people can learn from and share

Comments received

Reader from the Philippines

Non-Wood News is of great help and a valuable source of information to our researchers and staff. [Forest Products Research and Development Institute, Philippines]

Reader from the United Kingdom

In these days of information overload, I find myself looking at things arriving via e-mail or in the post and thinking "I just don't have the time to look at this". But NOT when *Non-Wood News* arrives! I received it this morning, and will look forward to settling down for a proper read. Once again, thanks for providing this excellent service.

Reader from the Lao People's Democratic Republic

I have received the last NWFP newsletter and it's a really great work you are doing.

Reader from Indonesia

I read the latest issue of *Non-Wood News* from cover to cover with great interest. It is an invaluable service you offer by gathering so much diverse, relevant and fascinating information together on NWFPs.

Contributions to this issue – a special thank you

I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to this issue – whether by sending me your articles, books and newsletters; by providing me with links; by

experiences, knowledge and support. This builds solidarity and enhances the potential for local initiatives to be successful. Acting locally is critical, but without a global community exchanging knowledge and experience, local action will never become what it could be. *Non-Wood News* provides a platform for this global exchange, enabling productive local initiatives. It has been my pleasure to be part of this community, locally and globally. (Adam DeHeer)

Adam DeHeer has been working as an intern with FAO's NWFP Programme since late February 2009. His assignment with us finishes in August.

putting me in contact with people who could benefit from receiving *Non-Wood News*; or by going to great lengths to send me the photos for the back cover. This issue is particularly rich, with contributions on your research/activities coming from all around the world – from Afghanistan to the Sudan, from Hungary to Peru, and many more in between.

It is truly a great pleasure to be the editor of *Non-Wood News* – and a great privilege to correspond with so many of you. Thank you for your continued support. (Tina Etherington, non-wood-news@fao.org) ♣



To be a success, I must contribute to the welfare of others, to put in another way, to be all I can be, I need to help you be all you can be.

John Maxwell