

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO NON-WOOD NEWS

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 our readers, please do not hesitate to submit it. Articles are welcomed in English, French and Spanish and should be between 200 and 500 words. The deadline for contributions for *Non-Wood News* 15 is 31 March 2007.

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*(One of the key areas of intervention of our work is to support information sharing and facilitate networking among those people/organizations working in the field of NWFPs. We therefore have no objection to any part of Non-Wood News being used, but request that the original source information be cited.)*



"Steps to sustainable and community-based NTFP management"

### Global NTFP Alliance/Network

Our organization was the pioneer behind the creation of the South and East Asian Countries NTFP Network (SEANN) in January 1995 (see also *Non-Wood News* 13 [2006], p. 72). SEANN has about 24 members and is a living network.

We offer our services to FAO, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and others who seriously wish to strengthen the network and form a common forum. Therefore, all may interact with each other without favour or prejudice to form the Global Network on NTFPs in collaboration with SEANN.

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*(Dr Shiva is responding to an article on p. 69 of Non-Wood News 13 regarding the creation of an NWFP global alliance; we greatly appreciate SEANN's willingness to be part of this initiative. This collaborative arrangement, be it called alliance, partnership or network, should be one of the subjects discussed at an international conference on NTFPs being organized during the second half of 2007 by ITTO, in collaboration with FAO and INBAR. More information on this conference will be given in Non-Wood News 15 [July 2007].)*



### Funding opportunities

We receive many inquiries from readers regarding funding for their research projects. Unfortunately, the NWFP Programme's budget is limited and therefore we are not in a position to finance these requests.

However, we would like to direct your attention to the online Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) sourcebook on funding for sustainable forest management that has been developed to help users locate efficiently global funding

sources for sustainable forest management projects.

A major component of the sourcebook is the database of funding sources that contains information on over 600 funds and is a valuable starting-point in the search for funding opportunities. The search feature of the sourcebook can be found at: [www.fao.org/forestry/site/17254/en](http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/17254/en)

As part of this initiative, the FAO CPF team compiles the Forestry Funding News, an electronic newsletter that provides regular updates on forestry funding opportunities worldwide. It can be accessed at: [www.fao.org/forestry/site/33747/en](http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/33747/en)

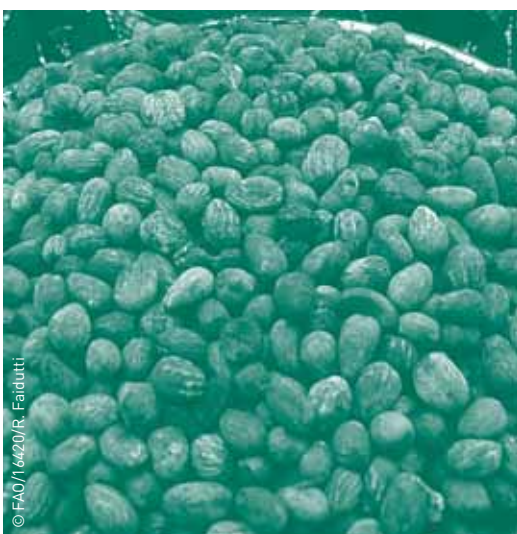
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### WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM TREES

Take advice from a tree  
Stand upright and strong  
Defy the storms  
Remember your roots  
Drink from the depths  
Enjoy sunshine, wind and rain  
Relish healthy air, water and soil  
Take care of your neighbours  
Look far around  
Be alive  
(Author unknown)

## Forest cosmetics: NWFP use in the beauty industry



Natural cosmetics and beauty care are a US\$3.9 billion global market, with predictions indicating a rise to \$5.8 billion by 2008. However, traditional societies have always known of the beneficial effects of natural cosmetics and still take advantage of them in their everyday lives, e.g. whether by using shea butter (made from the kernels of *Butyrospermum parkii*) in Africa or thanakha (made from the bark of *Limonia acidissima*) in Myanmar.