

Project Update: December 2014

1. Some valuable meetings and training programmes were carried out during September and October 2014 for creating awareness of the nutritional, economical/ commercial and environmental values of various wild edible plants. Besides, the role of seed banks in conserving the wild biodiversity has been the main theme of awareness programmes.
2. The documentation of indigenous ethno-botanical knowledge related to the consumption pattern and extent of uses of different wild edibles has been recorded.
3. Results of ethno-botanical documentation revealed that the local people are leaving the traditional/ indigenous practices of utilising these wild edible fruits. The prominent reason behind this is only the easy availability of products in nearby markets. However, during winter times especially in snowfall time indigenous people use particular wild edibles in their food and medicines.
4. During these months surveys were also carried out to collect some wild edibles species.
5. The collected fruits are being taken care with proper storage and drying for developing the seed bank.

Photographs Related To Project Update

Drying of fruits and seeds of different species collected between August to November, 2014



Photo 1. Fruits of *Viburnum cotinifolium*



Photo 2. Fruits of *Berberis aristata*



Photo 3. Micro seeds of *Rubus ellipticus*



Photo 4. Hard coat seeds of *Prunus persica*