

**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 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 25* is 31 August 2012.

**For more information, please contact: NON WOOD NEWS at the address on the front page or by e-mail to: non-wood-news@fao.org/**

**Request for information: NWFP articles in Russian**

I am looking for articles on NWFPs that are in – or have been translated into – Russian. They would be really beneficial for our activities.

If you can help, please contact Gyöngyi Ország, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Benczur utca 34. H-1068 Budapest, Hungary. E-mail: gyongyi.orszag@fao.org. Thank you!

**Reader from Brazil**

Congratulations on your 20 years with *Non-Wood News*. Each volume is well received here.

**Reader from India**

I am regularly receiving *Non-Wood News* since 1995, which is very useful for my research and updating the latest information on NWFP data on different aspects.

**Reader from Indonesia**

It is very interesting and important publication for us. Our library intently visited by students and scientists. Your publication is one of the important references.

**Reader from the United States of America**

I'm a teacher as well as an after-school mentor. I hope it's okay I'm contacting you like this! But the reason I'm writing today is because as part of an ongoing extra credit

assignment in my fifth grade class, students are encouraged to find other Internet resources on topics we're currently learning about. Your page (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/nwfp/12979/en/>) was one that my student found for extra credit for our earth day projects last week. I just thought you'd like to hear that.



**Let no-one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.**

*Mother Teresa*

**COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT: COMMENTS FROM AN INTERN**

In September 2011, I started an internship in the Forestry Department at FAO headquarters. In general, my task was to introduce the programme of edible insects into the existing programmes of FAO and outside stakeholders. At the end of January 2012, the first meeting on edible insects took place with contributions from people around the world (see pages 66 and 70). I assisted in the preparation and organization of the meeting. Currently, I am helping to write a publication on edible insects to be launched in mid-2012. The publication aims to link with existing FAO programmes and therefore the content will cross-border several FAO departments. For the preparation of the meeting and writing of the publication, I work with researchers from Wageningen University in the Netherlands. I value this collaboration with the knowledge centre highly.

"Putting information within reach" is the first activity that is mentioned on the FAO Web site. I interpret it as the transformation of all kinds of information, strategies and technologies in such a way that the target group finds it useful to ensure "communication for development". During my internship at FAO, I considered this task as the most difficult and therefore the most motivating. It demands good collaboration with knowledge centres and field offices and also an understanding of cultural diversity as an indispensable skill for FAO staff.

In order to realize the latter, staff at FAO and collaborating institutions have to keep on thinking in a local and concrete way, even though all information seems more abstract and complicated at headquarters compared with the field. The illustration above from a colleague, Brahimi Nasser, symbolizes this for me. (**Contributed by:** Esther Mertens, Intern, Edible Insect Programme, FAO Forestry Department.)

(Please see pages 32–33 and 66 for more information/articles on Esther's work experience.) ♣

