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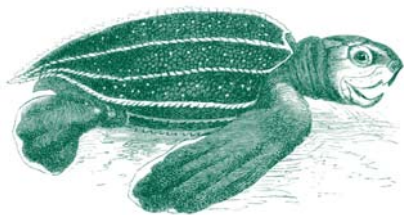


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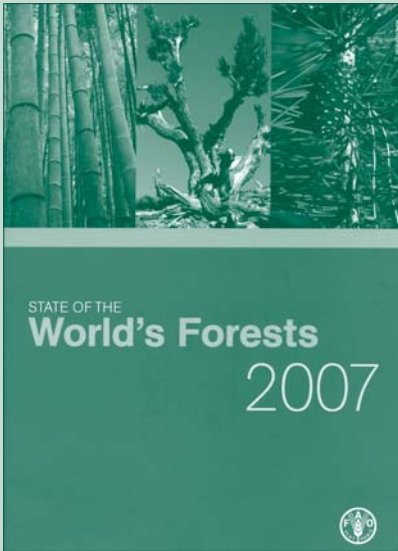
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Ginseng, the divine root

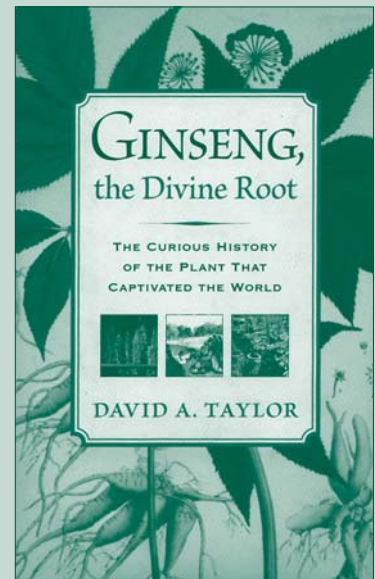
Ginseng, the divine root, by D.A. Taylor. 2006. Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States of America, Algonquin Books. ISBN 1-56512-401-4.

Ginseng is mainly grown around forests in China, the Korea Peninsula and Siberia in the Russian Federation, as well as in the eastern United States of America. Its use goes back 70 million years. Recognized for its medicinal virtues, ginseng has been used as a tonic and as a cure for a vast range of ailments from ancient times to the present. This publication gives a detailed description of its history, highlighting its impact on human cultures. It depicts the illegal trade, the legends and the rise and fall of kingdoms associated with it, as well as the experiences of the explorers, diggers, stealers and traders who sought to make their fortunes from it.

The author in the process uncovers ancient practices and traditions, international crimes and medical lore associated with the "root of life".

While the book will clearly appeal to individuals with a specific interest in non-wood forest products, it offers stimulating reading for all audiences – perhaps especially for those who sample the ginseng-based recipes provided in the appendix.

(Please see page 30 for an extract from this book.)



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