

Veld Products Monitoring and Workshop: Review and Recommendations

Final Report

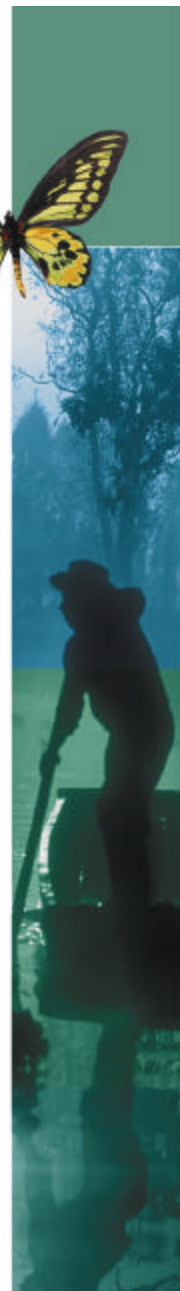
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Executive Summary

In early June 2000, the Chemonics Biodiversity and Forestry task order activity hosted a Veld Products Monitoring Workshop in Botswana. Using the Perkins report (1999) as a basis, the workshop presented monitoring options for veld products and provided an environment in which attendees were able to weigh these options for development and implementation.

Well attended by NRB staff, DIFID, and VPR&D, the workshop gave an overview of the monitoring cycle, species selection, and recommendations for monitoring harvesting, as well as highlights from the original report.

In a discussion session that followed the presentation, participants agreed on general principles to guide national goals for veld product harvesting, species selection, and methods to monitor harvesting (including the data needed). Issues related to the forming of partnerships, maintaining data, and reporting the status of veld harvesting in a timely fashion were also considered.