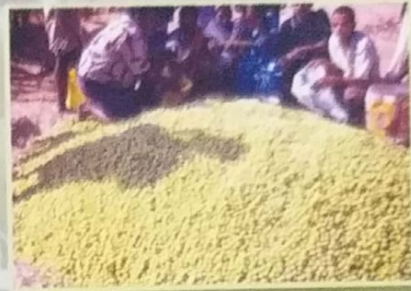
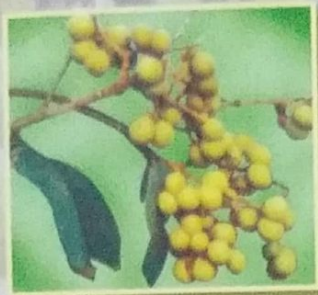


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PREFACE

Centre for People's Forestry (CPF) is a national level voluntary organization presently working in Andhra Pradesh with Secunderabad as its headquarters with a network of NGOs and forest dependent user groups; striving for equity and equality concerns in forestry sector. In its endeavour to strengthen VSS networks at local and state levels, CPF collects and disseminates information related to livelihoods and forestry. It holds consultations with Government officials, voluntary organizations and the community and lobbies with the Government for pro-people policies and advocates for sustainable livelihoods through forestry.

CPF has established 3 regional resource centres for people's forestry in three geographical regions of Andhra Pradesh (RRC-Coastal at Madugula, Visakhapatnam district, RRC-Telangana at Neradigonda, Adilabad district and RRC-Rayalaseema at Kadapa) and three thematic resource centres (CDCF-Centre for Dalit Concerns in Forestry located in Nellore district, CGCF-Centre for Gender Concerns in Forestry located in Visakhapatnam district and ReFFE-Resource Centre for Folk Art Forms in Forestry Education located in Medak district). These Centres are expected to grow into *knowledge providing* and *livelihoods supporting* centres with equity and equality concerns and undertake their own research to enrich their training and advocacy and lobbying needs.

The present publication is a result of such handholding approach to empower partner NGOs to undertake research and publications. The Regional Resource Centre for People's Forestry-Coastal (Madugula) has undertaken this study during 2002-2003 as part of its research activities to improvise on the availability of its trainings on NTFP by understanding the role of women in collection, processing and marketing of Tamarind, Amla and Soapnut. The study was conducted by Ms. K. Saraswathi who was then Coordinator at RRC-Madugula, with inputs from Centre for People's Forestry.

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1. Introduction

This study has been conceived by Centre for People's Forestry (CPF) and carried out by Regional Resource Centre for People's Forestry-Coastal (RRC-Madugula). In this study, an attempt is made to know about the role of women in NTFP collection, processing and marketing and sharing of benefits and controlling aspects specifically in three NTFPs: Tamarind, Amla and Soapnut.

2. Objectives of the study

The main objective of the present study is to know about the role of women in collection and marketing of NTFP items like Amla, Tamarind and Soapnut that are available in abundance in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh, especially in CPF's partner NGOs areas with a view to plan appropriate measures that would enhance the living standards of the women involved. It also aims at documenting various strategies adopted by women in collection, processing and marketing of these NTFPs in the study area for replication in other places to increase women's participation and control in collection, processing and marketing of NTFP and also to use the findings in designing of trainings on NTFP in RRC-Madugula.

3. Methodology

The study was carried out during October, 2002 and January, 2003 covering 3 North Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh, viz.,

1 Non Timber Forest Produce

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