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Procedure for wild collection (This document will be sent to the operator along with the application form)

KSOCA evaluates wild collection/s harvest procedure, processing and trade and confirms their compliance with the Indian National Standards for Organic Production, The wild collection produce cannot be certified as organic products if there was application of prohibited substances during the last three years prior to the date of application to KSOCA for certification and if the species are mentioned as endangered species. The products must be sufficiently free from contamination from possible sources. The collected plants must grow and regenerate naturally without any agricultural measures. It must be noted that only the collected plant part from the approved collection area, is certified by KSOCA. The area (land) itself is not certified. The collectors are to be trained regularly for maintaining the sustainability. Strict documentation of all activities of the operation, including details of collection, purchase, processing, training and trade with supporting bills/vouchers/reports/minutes are to be maintained and presented to KSOCA for scrutiny.


How are wild collection/harvest evaluated?

The certification is based on an evaluation of the documentation and on inspection of the collection site, storage and processing usually during the collection season. All parties involved are required to be bounded by contracts. All collecting areas must be known to KSOCA. Purchase location and processing and trading locations will be inspected every year. Collectors' houses will also be spot-checked. The sustainability of the collection has to be established through a third party declaration and KSOCA may do additional analysis of the sustainability with the help of experts. KSOCA reserves the right to perform unannounced spot checks or announced additional inspections of the whole activity of the operator or parts of it at any time during the year. Applicants need to submit an official permission from the forest department and an independent third party declaration, which testifies the measures taken to maintain sustainability. They need to grant KSOCA inspectors access to the collection site and the record keeping related to the product flow. KSOCA guarantees full confidentiality in handling the gathered information.

How to apply for Wild Collection Certification?

To apply for wild collection certification, the application form along with the maps of collection site (highlighted with suitable legends and should be of scale at least 1: 50,000) and requisite documents mentioned above should be sent to the KSOCA office. Based on the application form KSOCA will send an offer and a contract (including confidentiality agreement). After submission of the requested missing documents (If any) and a down payment of 75% of the quoted amount, KSOCA will start the process of inspection and certification.

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How can the Certified Wild Product be labeled?

If the KSOCA Certification Committee approves your certification for wild collection, the operator can display the KSOCA mark, which will be given by KSOCA and the INDIA ORGANIC LOGO on the products.

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