DELIVERABLE 1: NWFP ASSESSMENT REPORT OF TURKEY-STATE OF THE TURKEY'S NWFP

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Introduction

A LoA has been signed between FAO and the Chamber of Forest Engineers **(OMO)** for "*Provision of Technical Guidelines on sustainable management of NWFPs and the Status Report on selected products*" at 20 December 2019.

In Turkey the General Directorate of Forest (OGM) <u>https://ogm.gov.tr/lang/en/SitePages/OGM/OGMDefault.aspx</u> of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests <u>https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Sayfalar/EN/AnaSayfa.aspx</u> is responsible to manage all kind of non-wood forest product. For that reason, OMO officially notified the OGM about this LoA and wanted their collaboration at the date of 31 December 2019. The General Directorate of Forestry, with its letter dated **14 January 2020**, assigned the *Department of Non-Wood Forest Products and Services* as the focal point. In this framework, OMO started working with the relevant Department.

According to this LoA, the outputs and the activities should be as follows:

- a) **Outputs.** The Service Provider (The Chamber of Forest Engineers) will produce, achieve or deliver the following outputs:
 - 1. Status Report of the selected NWFP and Guidelines on sustainable management on NWFP prepared.
 - 2. The Reports shared and disseminated at national and international level through existing networks
- b) Activities. The Service Provider will undertake the following activities:
 - 1. Identify, select and showcase NWFPs that have economic impact on rural and national economies and environmental importance in the sense of biodiversity.
 - 2. Review the existing national policies and action plans related to specific Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFP) in Turkey and provide recommendations to strengthen governance.
 - 3. Analyze and map out the selected NWFPs taking into account the potential impact on rural workforce, in particular women and youth.
 - 4. Conduct consultation meetings on the findings of the review with relevant stakeholders (local, national and private) to enhance their inputs,
 - 5. Prepare guideline on sustainable management, production and marketing of NWFP in line with international standards and market requirements.
 - 6. Prepare Status Update Reports on the selected NWFPs along with recommendation in the value chain,
 - 7. Consolidate the findings with other ongoing projects in REU or Mediterranean Region,

In this context, a preparatory meeting was held on **January 15, 2020** with the participation of relevant people from the General Directorate of Forestry and the Chamber of Forest Engineers. The following decisions were taken at this meeting.

- a) A working group was established in the OGM to carry out the necessary studies. In this working group, the people below assigned.
 - 1. Mr. Galip Çağatay Tufanoğlu, Deputy Head of Department of Non-Wood Forest Products and Services,
 - 2. Mr. Zafer Filiz, Director of Crop Production,
 - 3. Dr. Özlem Dostbil-Engineer
- b) The following products were identified as non-wood forest products to be studied in line with recommendations from FAO's experts. While determining these, attention was paid to the issues of "*economic value, contribution to biodiversity and the potential impact on rural workforce, in particular women and youth*" as stated in the LoA.
 - 1. Chestnut
 - 2. Laurel- Laurus nobilis
 - 3. Pine honey
 - 4. Resins
 - 5. Truffles
- c) It is decided to visit the following provinces for field surveys and technical trips. Other visits will be made if needed.
 - 1. <u>Giresun-</u> Chestnut
 - 2. <u>Muğla</u>- Pine honey
 - 3. Antalya

According to the LoA signed the Chamber of Forest Engineers is supposed to:

- "Identify, select and showcase NWFPs that have economic impact on rural and national economies and environmental importance in the sense of biodiversity in Turkey.: "Deliverable 1: NWFP Assessment Report" as the 1st activity/service.
- "Review the existing national policies and actions plans related to specific nonwood forest products in Turkey and provide recommendations to strengthen governance. "Deliverable 2 NWFP Policy Report"
- "Analyse the status of the selected NWFPs taking into account the potential impact on rural workforce, in particular women and youth. At least Min. 5 NWFPs. "Deliverable 3: Detailed Analysis of Selected NWFPs"

In this report, "Deliverable 1: NWFP Assessment Report" format has been studied and the the "General Format" and "Table of Contents" section of the report has been created.

This report will be a general report including various NWFPs. It will be a kind of "State of the Turkey's NWFP".

While preparing this format and the "contents" section, the following issues and case studies are taken into consideration.

- 1. Related items of the in LoA signed between FAO and OMO,
- 2. Opinions and contributions of OMO, OGM and FAO Experts,
- 3. Turkey's current legislation and practices,
- 4. FAO's web page on non-wood forest products- <u>http://www.fao.org/forestry/nwfp/en/</u>
- 5. Other publications on the subject, especially the publication "Non Wood Forest Products In International Statistical Systems". <u>http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6731e.pdf</u>
- 6. Web pages of completed or ongoing projects and publications and reports produced within this framework
 - a. INCREDIBLE- <u>https://www.incredibleforest.net/</u>
 - b. StarTree-<u>https://star-tree.eu/</u> Especially the report of "State of the European NWFP" <u>https://star-tree.eu/images/publications/project/SoSR_final.pdf</u> for "Deliverable 1: NWFP Report of Turkey" and "Policy Recommendations" <u>https://startree.eu/images/deliverables/WP4/D4_5_final.pdf</u> for "Deliverable 2: Turkey's NWFP Policy Report"

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- Council decisions, the issues in the Ministry and OGM strategic plan.
- Issues in regulations such as;
 - Eleventh National Development Plan (2019-2023),
 - National Rural Development Strategy (2014-2020),
 - Combating Desertification National Strategy and Action Plan (2015-2023),
 - National Strategy for Regional Development (2014-2023),
 - Turkey Climate Change Strategy (2010-2023),
 - National Climate Change Action Plan (2011-2023),
 - National Basin Management Strategy (2014-2023),
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- Other partners involved in the process. Regional organizations, Centers, Cooperatives, Companies, Export and Import Institutions, Universities.

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