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NON – TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS IN KOSOVO

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Kosovo in brief

- ❑ The total surface area is 1.1 million ha.
- ❑ Kosovo is circled with mountains.
- ❑ Within Kosova there are two plain areas running north to south, divided by central hills.
- ❑ Kosova has continental and semi-continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Average annual temperatures is 10.3 C, while during vegetation period is 16.5 C.
- ❑ Kosovo's continental climate is characterized by temperatures ranging from -20C during the winter to +35C during the summer.
- ❑ Average rainfall us up to 744.8 ml.

Population

- ❑ Total resident population in Kosovo is estimated to be nearly 2 million;
- ❑ Nearly 2/3 of the population live in rural areas;
- ❑ Nearly 33% of the total population is less than 15 years old, and more than 50% is under 25;
- ❑ Nearly 6% of the total population is more than 65 years old
- ❑ 61% of the total population is active (15-64 years)

Resources for NTFP in Kosovo

- ❑ The total forest land in Kosovo are 455,000 ha,
 - ❑ The soil and climatic conditions allow the growth of a lot of medical herbs in Kosovo,
 - ❑ MAFRD ranked NTFP for the future programs of agricultural policies of our country, through developmental programmes in different private enterprises and municipalities,
 - ❑ Kosovo has different kinds of NTFP, many of which people are unaware of. We don't have enough information regarding the evaluation of chemical content, in the biological and pharmacological aspect of the NTFP which grow and can be cultivated in Kosovo.
 - ❑ There isn't inventory of NTFP.
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Legislation (Forest Law No 2003/3)

- Article 21, Using of Non-Wood Forest Products.
 - 21.1 a) No person may harvest NWFP for commercial purposes from land under the administration of the Forest Agency without license.
 - The forest Agency may issue licenses to harvest NTWP upon finding that the harvest is consistent with sustainable use of the forest.
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Non-timber forest products in Kosovo

One of the components is support to the non-timber forest products:

- Medicinal and aromatic herbs,
- Culinary herbs,
- Mushrooms,
- Wild berries (blueberries, strawberries, blackberries, etc).



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- Help us make this a useful tool for forest managers, processors or marketers of NTFPs:
 - Identify important products and management issues from your area;
 - Develop information that can be posted on the web site;
 - Report on markets both in your local area and region; or
 - Locate information sources that can be shared through the web site.
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Main species of NTFP in Kosovo

- Primula Officinalis, Arnica Montana, Robinia pseudoacacia, Melissa Officinalis, Achillea Milefolium, Gentiana Luthea, Tilia Cordata, Vaccinium myrtillus, Betula Pendula, Juniper Communis, Fragaria vesca, Castanea Sativa, Morus nigra, Orchis Morio, Urticia Dioica, Radix, Prunus Spinosa, Rosa Canina, Hypericum Perforatum, Rubus Fruticosus, Viola Oderata, Malus Silvestris, Rubus Ideaus, Crataegus monogyna, Cornus Masculula, Sambucus Nigra.
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***Achillea millefolium* L.**



Arctostaphylos uva-ursi (L.) Spreng.



***Betula pendula* Roth.**



Convallaria majalis L.



Cornus mas L.



***Crataegus monogyna* Jacq.**



***Fragaria vesca* L.**



***Juniperus communis* L.**



***Origanum vulgare* L.**



Papaver rhoeas L.



Prunus spinosa L.



Rosa canina L.



***Rubus idaeus* L.**



***Sambucus nigra* L.**



***Vaccinium myrtillus* L.**



Companies dealing with the activities in Kosovo

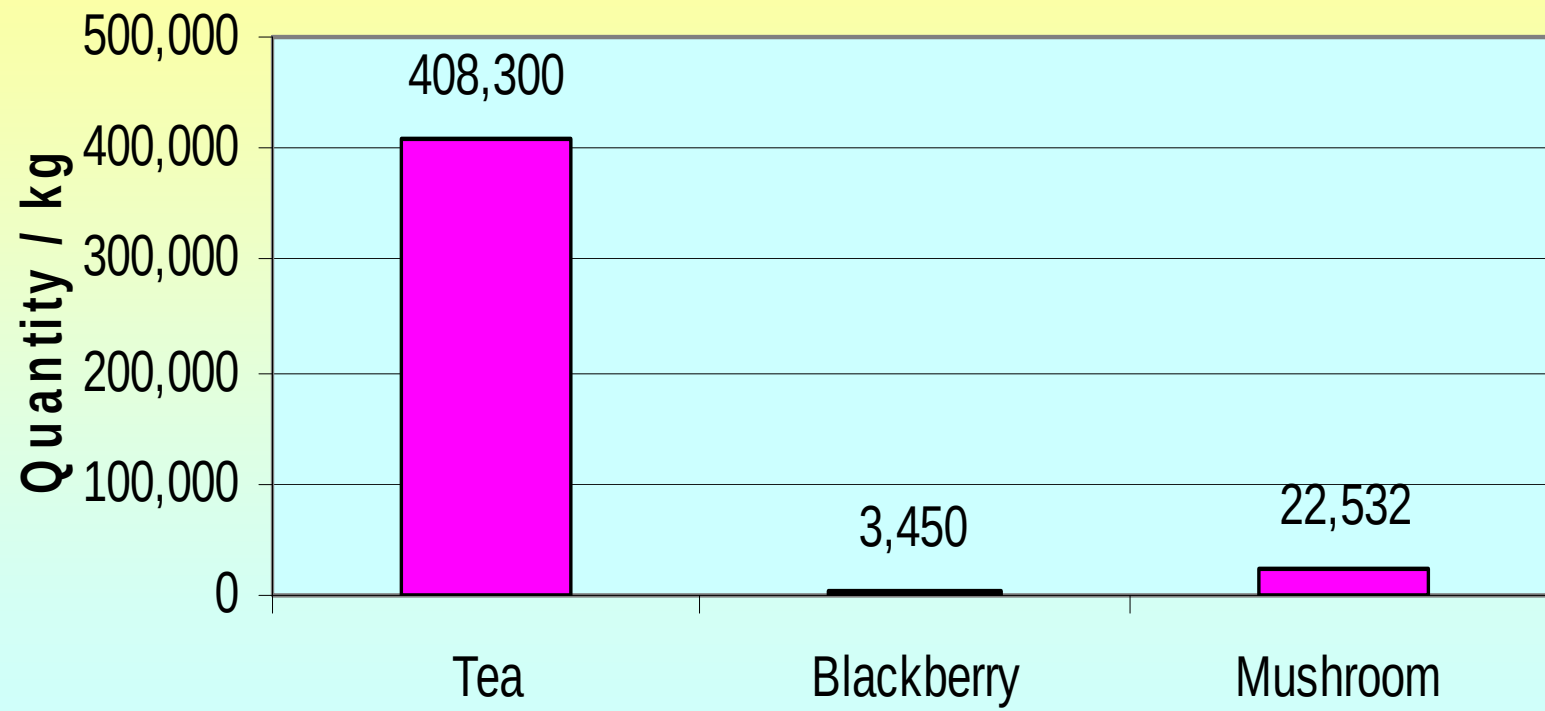
- Herbakos
- Agroproduct, etc.

- These companies provide a raw material from the individual farmers and associations of farmers using it for the needs of country and export too.
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Collected quantities for 2006

Name of collected plants for 2006	Quantity/ton
Fresh blueberry (vaccinium myrtillus)	528
Dry blueberry (vaccinium myrtillus)	10
Fresh mountain mushroom	512
Fresh black juniper	535
Fresh Rosa canina	420
Hawthorn (crataegus monogyna)	15
Linden flower	5
Dry primrose	3
Dry elder flower	3
Dry elder fruits	2
Total	2,033

Export 2006



NTFP

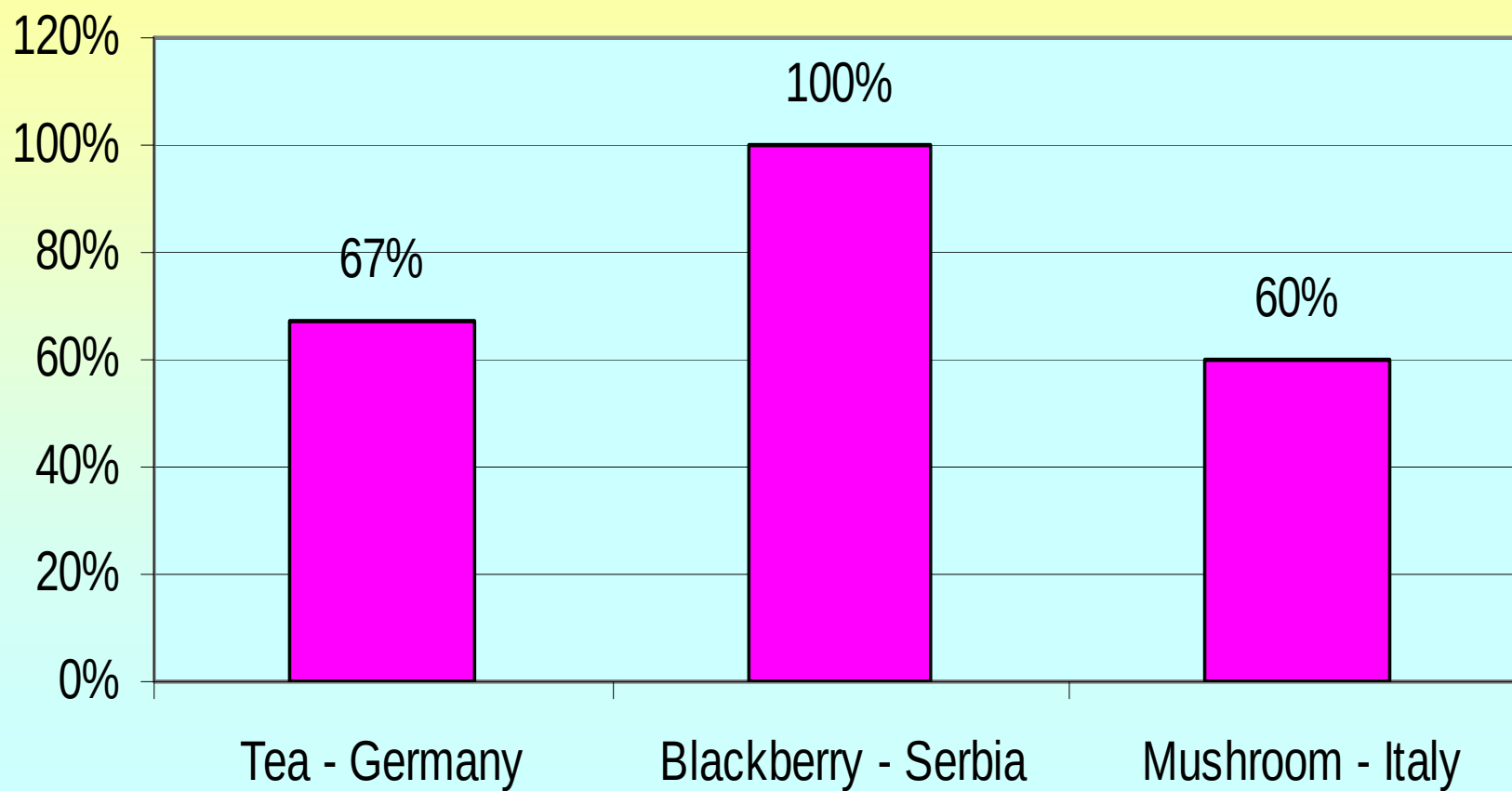
Export in Germany

Name of the plant	Time of export	Quantity Kg	€
Blueberry (vaccinium myrtillus)	15/03/2007	3400	41120
Blueberrye, Sambucus Nigra,	06.08.2007	3500	36700
Betula Pendula, Juniper communis	08.07.2007	10175	57410
Juniper communis	24/09/2007	22000	26000
Blueberry, Sambucus Nigra, Primiula officinalis,	Oct 2007	9400	50000
Juniper communis	Sep. 2007	100000	110000

Total

321230

Export - Country



Recommendations

- ❑ Found a Kosovo herb trader associations to cluster strength,
 - ❑ increase quantity to be offered to international markets and establish common marketing,
 - ❑ Elaborate export offers, to be presented to interested identified companies and to potential other purchasers
 - ❑ develop a solid organization
 - ❑ Demonstrate reliability to your clients and good communications practices
 - ❑ Develop quality in particularly good agricultural and collection practices
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