



# National Medicinal Plants Board

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## Good Field Collection Practices for Medicinal Plants

### Do's

### Dont's

- ✓ Make preparations before going for Collection 
- ✓ Have knowledge about plants & parts to be collected
- ✓ Explore the area
- ✓ Respect local customs 
- ✓ Obtain collection permit from relevant authorities
- ✓ Go along with an experienced collector or guide
- ✓ Collect from locations where the desired species grows in large quantities
- ✓ Collect at right stage, season & time of the year 
- ✓ Harvest in dry weather 
- ✓ Use proper & clean tools to harvest & containers for storage
- ✓ Maintain a record (location detail, date & time) of harvested material 
- ✓ Labels the produce 

- ✗ Do Not collect plants where you do not have collection rights / permission 
- ✗ Do Not go against local customs
- ✗ Do Not harvest, if you have any doubt about species identification
- ✗ Do Not harvest the entire population
- ✗ Do Not collect during rainy season 
- ✗ Do Not collect from contaminated area
- ✗ Do Not harvest diseased or infected plants
- ✗ Do Not collect fallen or physically damaged fruits
- ✗ Do Not harvest weeds along with medicinal plants
- ✗ Do Not keep harvested material in direct sunlight or on ground 
- ✗ Do Not use dirty or contaminated bags
- ✗ Do Not store different types of harvested material in same container or bag