

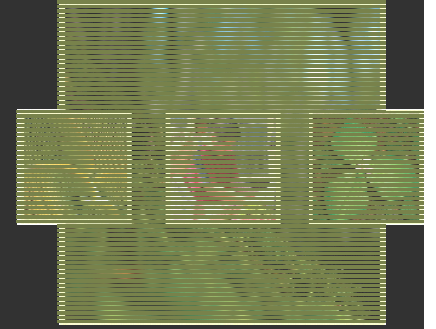


Working Beneath the Trees: Non-Timber Resources

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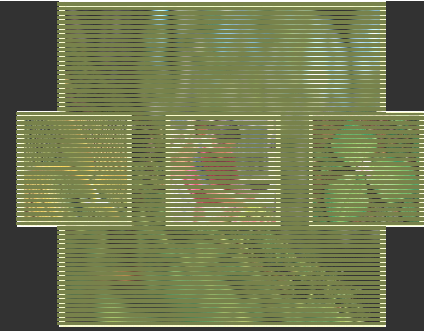
What do we mean by 'NTFP'?

Non-timber forest products (NTFPs):
All the plants and fungi, and
associated services, of the forest
other than conventional wood
products.

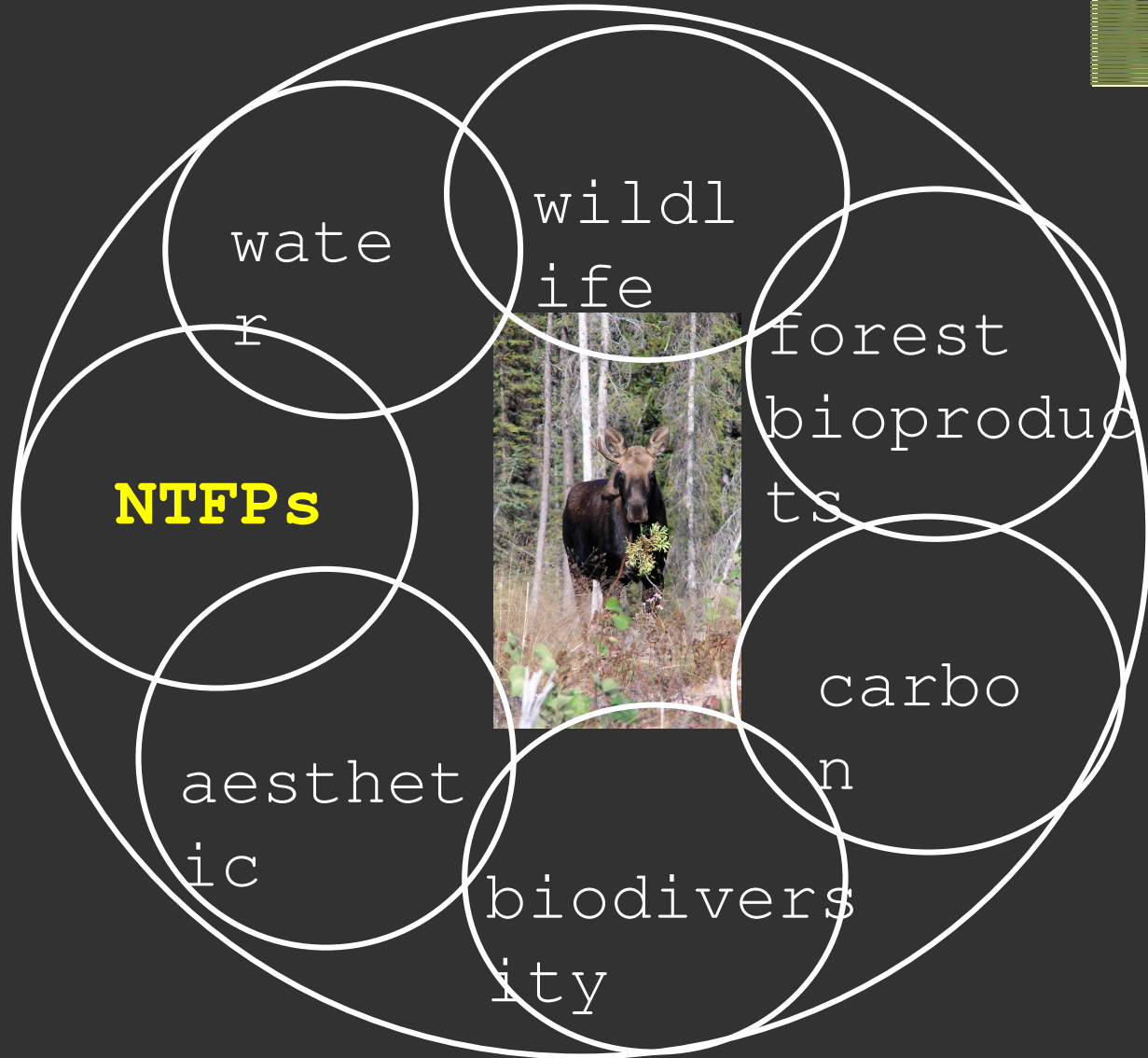
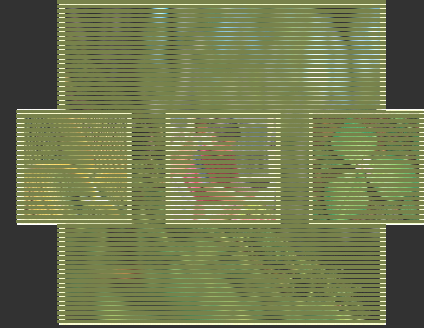


NTFP Categories in BC

- Wild Edibles
- Floral greens
- Crafts and art
- Medicinals & nutraceuticals
- Horticulture & restoration
- Tourism/education
- Others

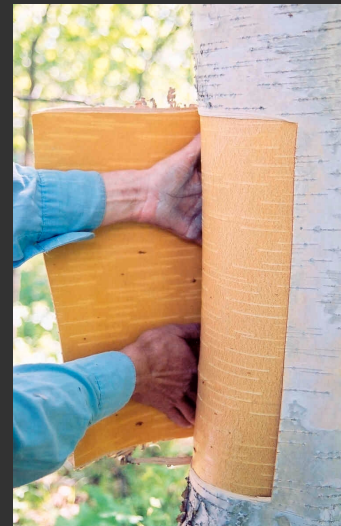


Non-timber resources



Why the interest in NTFPs?

- NTFPs offer a field on which "environment" and "economy" are not at war



Revitalizing interest
in cultural practices

Why are they important?

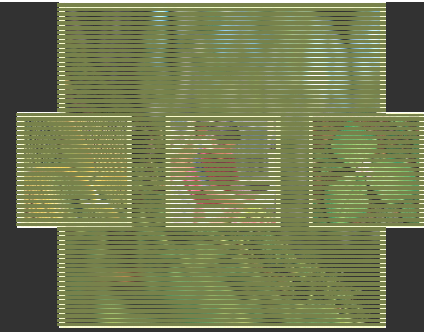
- Aboriginal Peoples:
indigenous plants,
indigenous uses.
Traditional practices,
health, resource
rights.



Oregon grape (*Mahonia nervosa*) - used today as a floral greenery and medicine, used traditionally as a food, medicine, and dye

Why are they important?

- At the harvester level, NTFPs contribute between \$150 and \$250 million annually to BC's economy
- Mushrooms & floral greens the most important products
- Up to 200 species harvested commercially in BC



Why are they important?

Functional foods and nutraceuticals

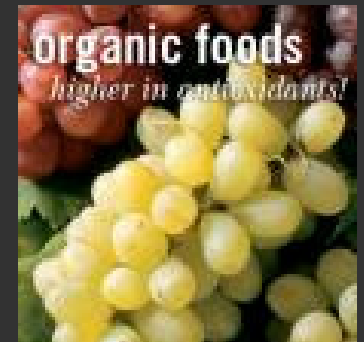
- Growing at 7-8% per year

Organic foods

- increase to \$31B in 2005

Natural health products

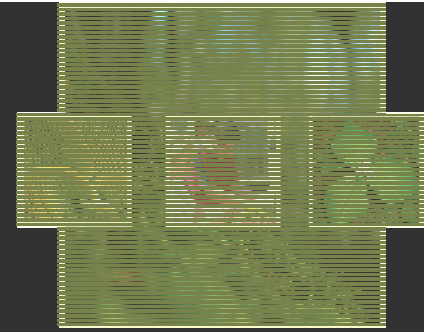
- 50% of Canadians now use natural health products (Health Canada 2005)



Why are they important?

Native plants for use in gardening, landscaping

- Gardening is number one past-time of North Americans
- Growing interest in native plants
- Restoration



Why are they important?

Not just 'how much?'
but 'who?'

Typical income =
\$80-200/day

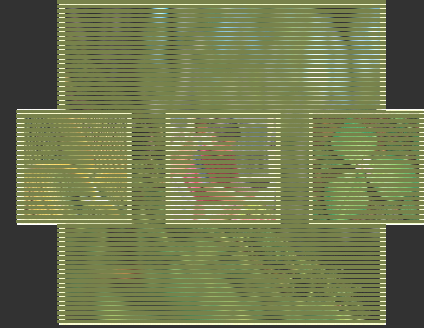


Management

Community Forest
Tenures: Enable
access management



Management



Range of production systems



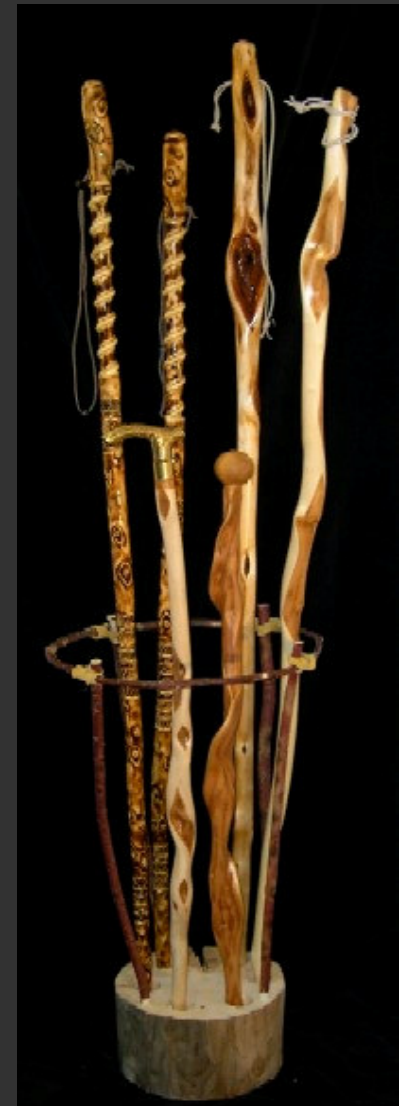
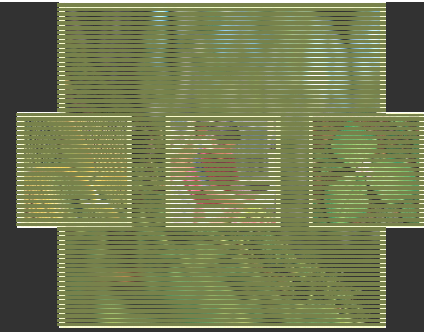
'wild crafting'
(often on
Crown lands)

compatible
management (i.e.,
fertilizing, thinning,
planting)

agroforestry

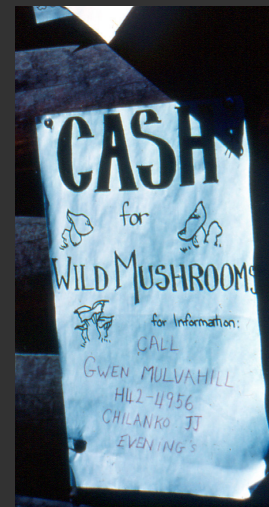
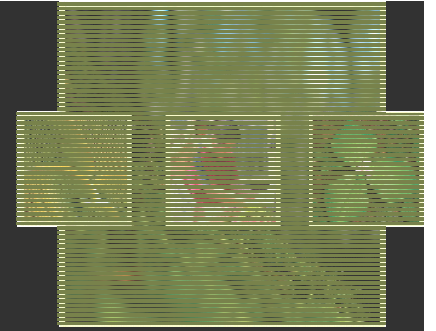
Barriers & considerations

Communities often contemplate diversification seriously only when circumstances become desperate – when energy, enthusiasm, human resources, capital are at a low ebb and there is little tolerance for risk



Barriers & considerations

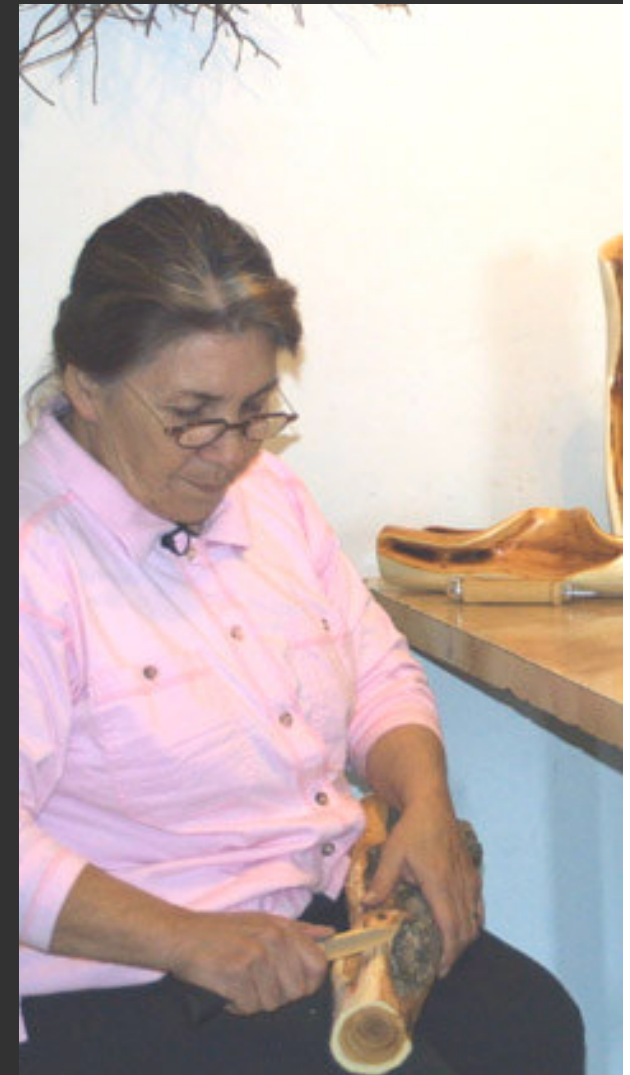
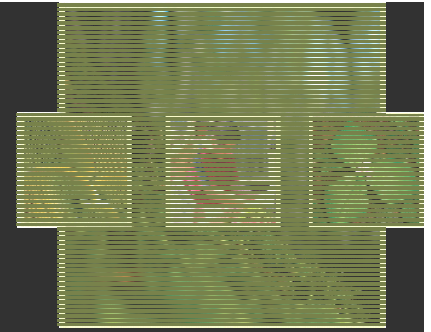
State of knowledge



Opportunities

Participation of all users

- How do we provide access and benefits to all who value the *Partnerships?*
- Create a 'critical mass' of support



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