



EKINU'TMASIMK NIPUKT

“Learning Forestry”

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Sustainable Harvesting

The concept of sustainability means longevity. Anything can have a sustainable management plan designed for the activity to continue. For these purposes, we want to create a sustainable harvesting model that will allow for the use of raw materials coming from the land, without long term damage. To be successful a holistic approach based on the concept of Netukulimk is of highest priority.

This knowledge base includes but is not limited to:

- Ideal growing conditions
- Familiarity with diseases and ailments
- Plant specific harvesting techniques

These processes vary widely between species depending on what aspect of the plant is being used and how it can to be removed. There are some key components we can identify to determine appropriate harvesting conditions:

- How does the organism reproduce?
- What are ideal growing conditions, and do they differ from ideal flowering/reproducing conditions?
- Will there be a need to design an active or passive management approach?
- What diseases or ailments can affect its health?
- How much is required to be harvested vs. how much can the plant give?
- Are we able to adjust how much we harvest?
- Are there other means that could provide us with a similar resource?
- What impact does growing and harvesting have on the rest of the ecosystem?

Each raw NTFP material must have its own specialized management plan that will allow for a healthy long-term supply .

Netukulimk reminds us to only take what is needed and leave something for future generations.

This concept is what guides Mi'kmawey Forestry .



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