

Subject : Rules and Regulations for collection of Mipchhi (torch wood).

Mipchhi, 'Lenchhong' and henner are the local Bhutanese terms used for torch wood, collected out of *pinus rexburghii* in lower altitude and *pinus excelsa* in higher altitudes. Sanction of the Government is hereby accorded to the rules and regulation to be implemented by the Department of Forests for collection of Mipchhi.

1. Mipchhi shall be collected only from fallen trees. No standing trees shall be allowed to be felled under any circumstances for collection of Mipchhi.
2. Stumps (stools) of trees which have already fallen or had been operated earlier will be allowed to be utilised for Mipchhi.
3. Only bonafide Bhutanese Nationals shall be permitted to collect Mipchhi. Mipchhi will be collected exclusively for domestic use and sale of Mipchhi will not be permitted under any circumstances.
4. No one shall extract Mipchhi without obtaining proper permits from the concerned local Forest Officers.
5. Royalty for Mipchhi will be fixed @ Nu. 1/- (Ngultrums one only) per head plus other applicable taxes.
6. Export of Mipchhi is banned.