



**HOW DO I BECOME CERTIFIED FOR
BEEKEEPING AND WILD COLLECTION**



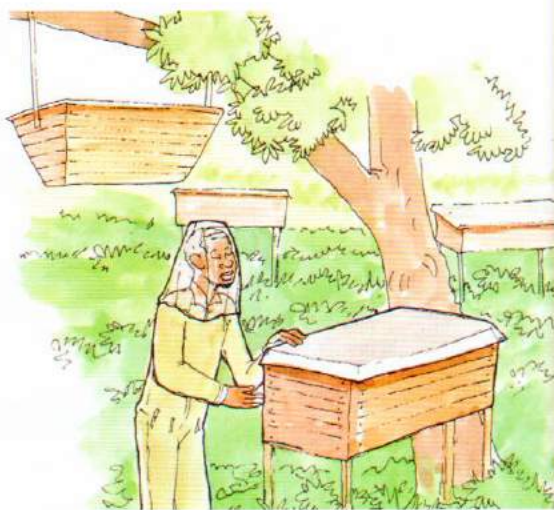
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What do I need to know about certification of Wild Collection and Beekeeping?

Wild Collection and Beekeeping activities can be certified according to organic standards. The activities should be done according to the standard and confirmed by the certification body.



The wild collection and bee keeping activities should be environmentally friendly and free from non-organic materials like unallowed chemicals.

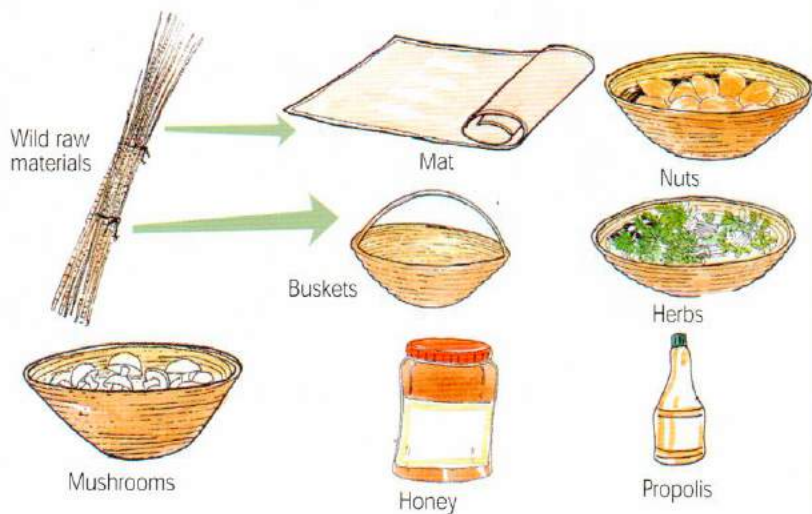


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What is certified in Wild Collection?

Uncultivated products and raw materials from the wild; including the collection areas, method of collection and any other activities done after collection.

Examples of wild collection products;



Certification will also cover all partners involved in the wild collection activities;

- Land owners or managers,
- Collectors and local agents,
- Processors,
- The operator him/herself

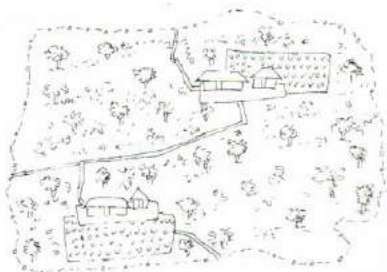
These partners should be contracted and informed about wild collection rules.

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What do I need to be certified for Wild Collection?

Wild collection activities should be done according to organic standard

These activities include;



Identify and mark out the collection areas. Products should not be collected from areas where unallowed chemicals are used.



Train all collectors in good collection practices.



Do not use collection methods that destroy the environment



Keep records of the collected products

Note: Avoid collecting from protected areas and species.

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What is certified in Beekeeping?

Bee products from beekeeping activities on the farm.

For example;



Certification will cover;

- Sources of swarms and beeswax
- Bee feeding areas, hives and apiary sites
- Harvesting of bee products and their storage
- Processing of bee products
- Beekeeping records
- Owner and other beekeepers on the farm

For more information about organic beekeeping and certification, contact your National Organic Agriculture Movement (NOAM).

5 How do I get certified?

Wild collectors and beekeepers may seek certification through the following steps;

In the First Year;



Step 1: Read the standard and general information from the NOAM.



Step 2: Make inquiries from the available certification bodies (CBs). Contact the CBs and receive information on standards, application form, certification costs, and procedures.



Step 3: Select the suitable CB. Fill in and return the application, negotiate the certification costs, procedures and fee payment. Sign the contract of inspection and certification with the CB.



Step 4: Inspection.

Agree with the CB when the inspector will come to check wild collection and beekeeping activities and records. Someone should always follow and assist the inspector.



Step 5: Discuss the inspection report with the inspector.

Read the report carefully and check for any errors and misunderstandings.

Step 6: Respond to all comments from the inspector

Check and fulfil all conditions needed for your certification.



Step 7: Certification decision.

The CB will finally inform you the results of the inspection and the certification decision.

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How do I maintain my certification?

Wild collection and beekeeping activities will be inspected every year by the CB. Make sure that all the certification conditions from the CB are fulfilled

Therefore, you should;



Make the changes asked for when the standards are changed



Keep all records up-to-date



Attend organic wild collection and beekeeping training to improve your knowledge



Protect wild collection areas and beekeeping sites from non-organic materials

These are basic guidelines on how wild collection and beekeeping can be certified. For more information contact the following addresses;



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