



CITES EXPORT PROGRAMS
American Ginseng Export Program



Return this report form to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Division of Management Authority (DMA)
 Branch of Permits, MS:IA
 5275 Leesburg Pike
 Falls Church, VA 22041-3803

STATE OR TRIBE: _____

HARVEST YEAR: _____

PREPARED BY: _____

| Below, please provide the amount of ginseng harvested. | | | |
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| SOURCE OF GINSENG | HARVESTED (lbs.) | CERTIFIED (lbs.) | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ROOTS PER POUND (Dried) |
| WILD* | | | |
| WILD SIMULATED (not reported as wild) | | | |
| ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED (as defined under 50 CFR 23.64) | | | |

If the information requested has not changed from last year, please indicate "No Change."

1. Program administered by (Department or Agency name):
2. Ginseng certification by (Department or Agency name):
3. Has the State/Tribe or its enabling legislation, ginseng regulations or ginseng certification form been modified in the last year? If yes, please provide copies, as appropriate.
4. Does the State or Tribal agency certify all wild ginseng harvested? If no, when would the agency not certify wild ginseng harvested in the State or on the Tribal lands, Can uncertified ginseng be sold or transported outside the State or Tribe?
5. Does the State or Tribal agency certify all artificially propagated ginseng harvested? If no, when would the agency not certify artificially propagated ginseng harvested in the State or on the Tribal lands? Can uncertified ginseng be sold or transported outside the State or Tribe?

6. When does State or Tribal agency certify wild/artificially propagated ginseng (e.g., at time of harvest, at time of sale)?

7. How does the State or Tribal agency handle wild/artificially propagated ginseng entering the State or Tribe from another State or Tribe? Is this procedure the same for both certified (by another State or Tribe) and uncertified ginseng?

8. Do all resident and non-resident individuals and companies dealing in (i.e., buying or selling) ginseng in the State or Tribe have to be registered or licensed? If no, please explain.

9. Can wild and/or artificially propagated ginseng be sold at any time during the year?

10. How often are dealers required to report the sale, purchase or export of ginseng (e.g., monthly, quarterly)?

11. Does the State or Tribe track unsold and/or un-exported ginseng from one season or one year to the next? Please explain process.

12. What is the wild ginseng harvest season in the State or Tribe?

13. Does the State or Tribe have a harvest season for artificially propagated ginseng? If so, what is it?

14. Within the wild and artificially propagated ginseng reported above, are there other sub-categories of ginseng production that are tracked in the State or Tribe? If so, please describe each sub-category (e.g., woods grown, wild simulated) and, if available, what quantities have been harvested and certified in the last year?

15. Is there a minimum allowable size/age for the harvest of wild and/or artificially propagated ginseng in the State or Tribe?
16. Is the harvest of wild ginseng allowed on State or Tribal lands? If yes, is a harvest permit required?
17. Does the State or Tribe require ginseng diggers to be licensed?
18. Does the State or Tribe require ginseng diggers to have written permission from private landowners to harvest ginseng? Do dealers need to supply copies of the written permissions when the ginseng is certified?
19. Please provide the average age of wild-harvested ginseng in the State or Tribal lands?
20. Please provide an estimate of the average number of roots per pound (dry weight) of wild ginseng harvested in the State or on the Tribal lands for the last harvest season, and describe the methodology used to calculate the estimate.
21. Does the State or Tribe require or encourage diggers to plant seeds from harvested wild ginseng plants at the site of harvest? If so, please describe any guidelines. Does the State or Tribe allow diggers to plant ginseng seeds from other sources (e.g., commercial sources)? Based on the best available information, what is the effect of the current harvest level of American ginseng in the State or on Tribal lands on the wild population? (e.g., positive, negative, no impact)

22. Please provide an assessment of the status of ginseng in the State or on Tribal lands (i.e., stable, increasing, declining). If population levels are increasing or declining, please provide the State or Tribe's professional assessment of the reason for the change and any steps being taken to address these changes.

23. On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a brief description of any research, including ginseng population monitoring, being conducted in your State or Tribe on American ginseng.

24. Please provide details of any ginseng-related violations found and/or prosecuted in the State or on Tribal lands during the last year.

| Data Sheet for Wild American Ginseng | | | | | | | |
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| County | Wild ginseng harvested (lb. dry weight) | Present abundance of wild ginseng* (0,1,,3) | Current trend in wild ginseng populations** (-2,-1,0,+1) | County | Wild ginseng harvested (lb. dry weight) | Present abundance of wild ginseng* (0,1,3) | Current trend in wild ginseng populations** (-2,-1,0,+1) |
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* Present abundance of ginseng:
0=absent, 1=rare, 3=frequent

** Trend in wild ginseng populations:
-2=extirpated, -1=decreasing, 0=stable, +1=increasing

NOTICES

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the following: the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), 50 CFR 22; the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), 50 CFR 17; the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), 50 CFR 21; the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361, et seq.), 50 CFR 18; the Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), 50 CFR 15; the Lacey Act: Injurious Wildlife (18 U.S.C. 42), 50 CFR 16; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249), 50 CFR 23; General Provisions, 50 CFR 10; General Permit Procedures, 50 CFR 13; and Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), 50 CFR 14.

Purpose: The collection of contact information is to verify the individual has an eligible permit to conduct activities which affect protected species. This helps FWS monitor and report on protected species and assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of species and their habitats.

Routine Uses: The collected information may be used to verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct activities with protected wildlife; to provide the public and the permittees with permit related information; to monitor activities under a permit; to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use of protected wildlife; to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats; and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs. More information about routine uses can be found in the System of Records Notice, Permits System, FWS-21.

Disclosure: The information requested in this form is voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required to process applications for permits authorized under the listed authorities. Failure to provide the requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to deny the request.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) in order provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the information necessary, under the applicable laws governing the requested activity, for which a permit is requested. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the applicable laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1018-0093.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

We estimate public reporting for this collection of information averages 40 hours (electronically) to 43 hours 30 minutes (paper-based), including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB/PERMA (JAO), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed form to this address.