



Educational Resources for Herb Companies

Supply Chain and Conservation of At-risk Medicinal Plants in Trade

You can download and read past issues of our Journal of Medicinal Plant Conservation.

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/journal-of-medicinal-plant-conservation/>

United Plant Savers maintains an At-risk list as well as its At-risk tool. The tool provides a simple way to determine if a plant should be in a formula.

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/species-at-risk-assessment-tool/>

Overseen by United Plant Savers, the Forest Grown program helps to support a shift to forest grown botanicals. Learn about the program here.

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/fgv/>

This is an article on Understanding plants in trade regulated under CITES, the Lacey Act, and the case of young living violation of both. This link includes a list of plants in trade regulated under CITES.

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/when-the-music-goes-silent/>

Here is a link to the AHPA tonnage survey and other important resources.

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/publications/>

Plant Savers many key articles from the Journal as featured posts. Here you can find in-depth understanding and guidance in the complexities of sourcing as well as important information on the IUCN medicinal plant working group, FairWild, TRAFFIC, and global plant conservation projects.

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/featured-conservation-articles/>

Status of North American Medicinal Plants

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/conservation-of-north-american-medicinal-plants-begins-with-comprehensive-status-assessment/>

Goldenseal: An American Heritage Medicinal Facing an Unknown Future

Plant Savers has launched the Hope for Hydrastis project, produced the Hope for Hydrastis video, held the Ginseng and Forest Botanicals symposium, and participated in the Goldenseal Summit – all of which have been published online and provide very informative information.

Videos of the Goldenseal Summit

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/goldenseal-summit-2020/>

Hope for Hydrastis film and information on the project

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/hope-for-hydrastis/>

Proceedings from The The Future of Ginseng and Forest Botanicals symposium

<http://bit.ly/ginseng-symposium-proceedings>

Framing a domestic market for ginseng article

<https://unitedplantsavers.org/framing-a-domestic-market-for-american-ginseng-a-conversation/>

Video from the Center for Agroforestry event on medicinal plants with presentations by Tom Newmark, Susan Leopold, and others

<http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/events/sym2017.php>





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Plant Savers in the News on Important Topics

Relevant news articles on local and global supply chain issues

- New York Times interview with Susan Leopold about palo santo
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/16/style/self-care/palo-santo-wood-endangered.html>
- HerbalGram's highlight of our Forest Grown Verification program
<https://unitedplantsavers.org/herbalgram-publishes-article-highlighting-the-fgv-program/>
- Susan Leopold helps map future research strategies at MTSU ginseng symposium
<https://mtsunews.com/ginseng-growers-symposium-2019/>
- United Plant Savers wins a stewardship award
<http://bit.ly/ups-wildcrafting-stewardship-grant>
- A West Virginia forest farming initiative grant
<https://pocahontastimes.com/new-west-virginia-forest-farming-initiative-seeks-to-capitalize-on-growing-herbal-products-industry/>
- Susan Leopold joins an advisory group for the Sustainable Herb Program
<http://bit.ly/sustainable-herb-program-announces-advisory-group-members>
- Susan Leopold is an invited plant expert at the FairWild Forum in Budapest, Hungary
<http://bit.ly/plant-experts-meet-in-budapest>
- Susan Leopold interviewed for an article about the sustainability of popular wellness ingredients
<http://bit.ly/apoterra-wellness-ingredients-to-question-for-sustainability>
- Susan Leopold interviewed in a video about ginseng forest farmers in Appalachia
<https://blog.mountainroseherbs.com/forest-grown-ginseng-in-pennsylvania>
- National Geographic interview with Susan Leopold about ginseng
<http://bit.ly/national-geographic-ginseng-root-demand-appalachia>

Additional Articles of Note

Essential Oils:

An overview on Sustainability in Essential Oils
<https://unitedplantsavers.org/learning-to-define-sustainability-lessons-for-essential-oil-consumers/>

Licorice:

Very interesting article explaining the issues of one of the most traded botanicals
<https://unitedplantsavers.org/the-long-road-to-sustainable-licorice/>

White Sage:

Plant savers work featured in High Country News and Vice
<https://unitedplantsavers.org/in-the-news-ecological-and-ethical-problems-of-smudging/>
<http://bit.ly/vice-white-sage-black-market>

Hawaiian Sandalwood:

HerbalGram article, Big Island Small Planet — an article on Hawaiian sandalwood and the Sandalwood Symposium
<http://bit.ly/HerbalGram-Big-Island-Small-Planet>

Proceedings of the Sandalwood Conference
<http://bit.ly/sandalwood-conference-proceedings>

Venus Flytrap:

Understanding the poverty of poaching with Venus Flytrap as a case example, and legal aspects of the Lacey Act
<https://unitedplantsavers.org/trapped-in-the-goddess-mousetrap/>

Our Mission

Our mission is to protect native medicinal plants of the United States and Canada and their native habitat while ensuring an abundant renewable supply of medicinal plants for generations to come.

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