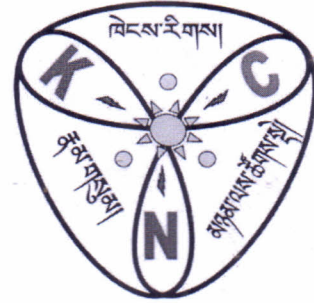


Khengrig Namsum Cooperative (KNC)
Tingtibi, Zhemgang, Bhutan



The Programme & Project Manager Bhutan,
Bhutan Network,
Austria.

Subject: Expression of interest to host a mushroom workshop in Bhutan.

Zhemgang 1st March 2019

Dear Madam,

I, on behalf of the KNC family would like to thank your organization for your unwavering support.

As communicated over the phone, holding a workshop for the farmers group in Zhemgang on the mushroom collection process would be of great help.

Although our Dzongkhag was considered to be the poorest within the country, many economists and environmentalists have pointed out that we are a rich district regarding natural resources. The National Mushroom Centre has recoded more than 90 species of forest mushrooms in the country. One of the widely available mushrooms in our locality is known as *Soke Shamu* in local dialect (*lentinus edodes*). Of all the 20 districts, Zhemgang is considered the richest one when it comes to natural vegetable dyes: food, fruit species and mushrooms. Moreover, Bhutan has only a few industries or factories engaged in the collection and marketing of non-timber forest products. Also, our collection and processing methods are still crude and traditional.

Thus, participating in this workshop would help us immensely in gaining more knowledge about sustainable harvesting and post-harvesting methods. Furthermore, the workshop will help in improving the livelihoods of the people residing in Zhemgang. Upon considering the above mentioned benefits to the local community, having a mushroom workshop would be of great benefit.

With Regards

Thinley Wangdi
Chairman of KNC

