French edition of the NTFP photo guide now online

A French edition of Our Atlantic Woods: A Photo Guide to Non-Timber Forest Products is now available on the Fundy Model Forest website. The popular guide produced in 2010 has been translated and is available in PDF format on the homepage of the website.

The 112-page full colour guide includes trees, small shrubs, mushrooms, and plants on the forest floor including ferns, mosses, and lichens that could have potential for non-timber forest production.

It was developed to help landowners identify economic opportunities in their woodlots, in addition to the traditional timber and pulp. However, it should appeal to anyone with an interest in nature.

Ron Smith, who has been working researching the production of non-timber forest products since the mid-nineties, authored the guide. Smith addressed the Saskatchewan Herb and Spice Association in February and has recently presented to the Fredericton Fish and Game Association. These were two of many invitations he has been receiving to discuss multiple/alternative uses of the forest.

Copies of the guide have been given to the NB Department of Agriculture and Aquaculture to distribute among staff. The few guides on hand at the NB Landscapers annual meeting were quickly snapped up.