

**THE CONTRIBUTION OF AN IMPORTANT NON-TIMBER FOREST
PRODUCT (NTFP) TO POVERTY REDUCTION IN ABEOKUTA SOUTH
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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to assess the contribution of an important NTFP (*Thaumatococcus daniellii*) to poverty reduction in Abeokuta south local government areas of OgunState. The study area was one of the twenty local government areas. It has an area of 71km/sq. The study was carried out by administering questionnaire to randomly selected respondents and the result obtained was subjected to descriptive statistics. The result showed that femaleswere the main (90%) seller of wrapping leaf.The result also revealed that sale of wrapping leaf had economic value. Seventy two percent of the respondents sold at the rate of N50 per bunch and they bought at the rate of N200 per bundle (12 bunches). The income recorded 36.7% for the respondents earning between N11,000 – N20,000.Although not all, considerable number (49.2%) of the respondents sourced their products at the farm gate i.e. at the forest.