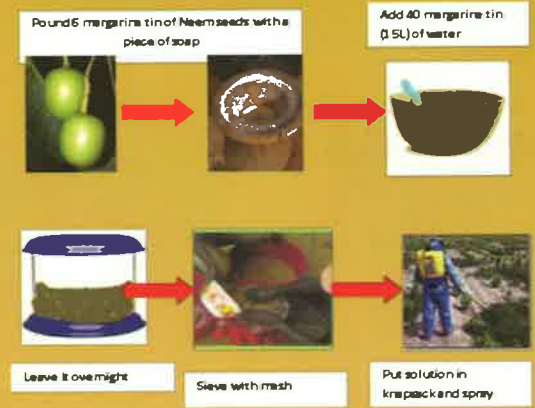


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Farm Maintenance / Cultural Practices and Harvesting & Post Harvest Practices

7. Pest and disease control

- Weed regularly
- Apply natural pesticides like neem tree extracts
- Minimum application of inorganic pesticides
- Use IPM



8. Harvest

- Harvest once or twice a week
- Keep harvested fruits under shade
- After sorting keep them in carton



9. Harvesting and Post harvest Practices



Harvest only mature fruits



Dry fruits on a raised platform

- Harvest red fruits
- Dry on raised platform
- Stir frequently to ensure uniform, drying
- Do not dry on bare soil
- Sort seeds/fruits into grades
- Pack in clean polypropylene or jute sacks
- Store on pallets in a airy room
- Avoid contact with water or moisture



Sorting



Grades



Do not pack in torn sacks



Generating supplementary income from the production of NTFPs