



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management
Plant Protection and Weed Management Section
Ginseng Management Program

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**APPLICATION FOR
GINSENG COLLECTING PERMIT**

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Date Application Recd.	_____
Fee Paid	\$2.00
Check No.	_____
Money Order No.	_____
Permit Number	_____
Date Mailed	_____

Name (please print)

In accordance with the provisions of Agriculture Article, Section 9-602A, Annotated Code of Maryland, - "A PERSON WHO COLLECTS AND HARVESTS GINSENG FOR SALE SHALL HOLD A VALID ANNUAL COLLECTION PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT", "hereby apply for a GINSENG COLLECTING PERMIT".

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ONLY AFTER JULY 1st. PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY. SEND SIGNED APPLICATION WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$2.00 (PAYABLE TO MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) to:

**GINSENG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
P.O. Box 17304
Baltimore, MD 21297-1304**

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number/
Email address: _____

I understand that Ginseng roots may only be collected from September 1st through December 1st: Roots from plants with fewer than 3 five-leaflet leaves (prongs) or with immature seeds (green berries) may not be collected; **plants must be a minimum of 5 years of age**, and all seeds from collected plants shall be immediately planted in the vicinity of the collected plants at a depth of 1 ¼ inches. As of the 2013 collecting season, ginseng harvest on state lands managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is no longer permitted. Permission is required to collect on private property. Trespass laws apply.

I agree to keep the following records and to give them to the Maryland Department of Agriculture on request:

- a. The total amount (in pounds and ounces) of Ginseng harvested.
- b. The name and address of the dealer who bought my Ginseng.
- c. The county or counties where my Ginseng was collected.

I understand that Ginseng may be sold only to a dealer licensed by this Department and that it must be certified before shipment from Maryland.

Signature

Date

2023 Ginseng Collecting Survey

Please check or answer the items below that apply to you. *(Please fill out even if you did not collect ginseng.)*

This information is extremely important. Data collected may help to preserve the American Ginseng Management Program in Maryland

I collected ginseng during 2022 Ginseng season: ___ Yes ___ No

If yes:

From what county/counties did you collect ginseng: _____

Amount of ginseng dug (dry weight): _____ lbs., _____ oz.

Amount of ginseng for personal use (list weight): _____ lbs., _____ oz.

Amount of ginseng sold (list weight): _____ lbs., _____ oz.

I sold my ginseng to (name and address):

I plan to collect ginseng during 2023: ___ Yes ___ No

Program Feedback Questions

1. Do you currently encounter forested areas where legally allowed logging practices negatively affect wild ginseng habitat in Maryland? (Yes or No).
2. What do you estimate to be the average age of harvested wild ginseng plants that you either witnessed, dug, and/or collected during the 2022 season? Did you find any 10+ year aged wild ginseng plants? (Avg./Yes or No).
3. In your opinion, does the MD-DNR moratorium that disallows harvesting of wild ginseng on State owned/managed lands have a beneficial long-term effect on wild ginseng populations? (Yes or No).