



ENDANGERED PLANTS

Permitting Procedures for Harvesting Plants on the Regulated Plant Index by Paul L. Hornby

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) is responsible for enforcing Chapter 581.185 of the Florida Statutes, 'Preservation of Native Flora of Florida'. The Division of Plant Industry (DPI) provides recognition and protection of these native plant species that are endangered, threatened, or commercially exploited. A controlled procedure has been established to allow restricted harvesting of protected species from the wilds in order to encourage propagation of native species and prevent the wanton destruction of native plant populations. Copies of both Florida Statute 581.185 and Rule Chapter 5B-40, 'Preservation of Native Flora of Florida' may be obtained by writing the FDACS/DPI — Bureau of Plant Inspection at Post Office Box 147100, Gainesville, FL 32614-7100 or by phone at 904/372-3505.

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