SEED PRODUCTION OF MEDICINAL PLANT - SITUATION AND NEEDS

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During the year 2002, in Croatia there was 2,622 ha of aromatic and medicinal plants (DZS). Chamomile is the dominant species in production, mint and lavender are following ones and all others are produced in small amounts.

Seed production of medicinal plants in Croatia isn’t so developed like it is for crops and it is abandon to plant producers. Until now (2002) only one cultivar of chamomile is recognized, "PITOMA" whose owner is Duhanprodukt, Pitomača. Every year is produced about 16 t seed of that cultivar, and all other seed is mixture of ecotypes produced in controlled environment. In process of recognition is cultivar "Diana" whose owner is Jan-Spider d.o.o., Pitomača. Seed production of medicinal plants in the future needs to be supported from Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management.

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