Hoodia

(Asclepiadaceae)
Disease Control

The major diseases identified include rot. The control measures that must be taken are:

- sanitation - removal of the rotted part from the healthy parts by cutting it away.
- conservation of healthy parts with a sealer.

Chemical control – use of a registered fungicide is recommended.

Harvesting Methods

Wet plant material may only be harvested during non-flowering and seeding periods, normally between April and August. A maximum of ten (10) stems may be cut off on the southern side of plants larger than 40 cm in diameter. Cutting on the southern side provides shelter from stems that are left on the northern side of the clump. This helps the plant to survive after harvesting. The stems must be cut off at least three fingers’ width (5 cm) above ground level with a sharp, stainless steel blade.

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