

# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## How to sharpen a scythe or sickle?

- 1) Place the scythe or sickle on the ground with its handle so that it cannot slip. Work with suitable gloves for safety reasons.
- 2) Clean the cutting edge carefully. Check the cutting blade for any damages.
- 3) Soak the whetstone in water.

- 4) Hold the back of the cutting blade at the top of the beard (handle side – see picture) and stroke the whetstone in 10 to 15 cm long strokes from the beard to the tip of the scythe blade (toe) over the blade.

Pay attention to the correct angle while sharpening.

Repeat grinding on the front and back of the scythe or sickle blade until it is sharp again.



- 5) Remove the grinding particles from the scythe blade and clean the whetstone with water.



### Safety recommendations

Suitable gloves should always be worn. Sharpening of cutting tools requires both care and caution; it should not be carried out by children or persons who are not aware of the risks involved.