Peer-to-Peer Exchanges on Community Health and Traditional medicine (India)

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Medicinal Plants and Traditional Medicine

- Indian Context





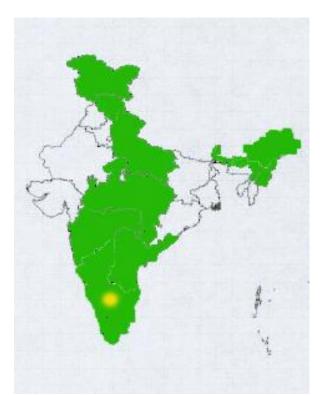
- Traded Medicinal plants of India (2014-2015) study 1622 botanicals relating to 1178 species in commercial trade 512000 MT 242 species in main use (more than 100 MT) 72% wild collection) 57+7 species as food, aromatics) around 20% growth 650000MT by 2020 (Ved & Goraya 2008)
- Large and medium scale industries around 3% of the 8610 licensed industries, consuming 66% of the trade

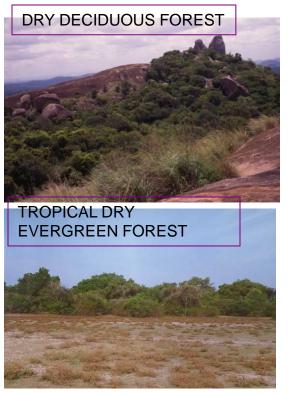
• Indian Traditional Medicine (AYUSH) market was US\$ 18.1 billion in 2020 (https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1909096 - MAR 2023)

Evolution of Our Work

- Started from a Nation-wide Medicinal Plant Conservation and Traditional Medicine Revitalization program in India from 1995 by FRLHT
- Most comprehensive database on medicinal plants of India (along with a herbarium and raw drug collection program) and research on multiple aspects of medicinal plants and AYUSH systems
- A large network of conservation sites (in-situ and ex-situ) and resource centres were established across different states along with the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and a number of NGOs
- Global networking and building policy interface in collaboration with multilateral agencies led to Biodiversity and Community Health Initiative (BaCH)

Medicinal Plant Conservation, Community Health & Livelihoods









Project area

= 13 states in India

Conservation sites

= 108

Medicinal Species Conserved

= ~ 2000

316 medicinal plant species belong to different endangered categories (UNDP India 2014).

- •Action with forest departments in respective states
- •Covers various bio-geographic zones, several red listed species protected, nurseries established and villages served
- •Threat assessments, populations studies, mapping, community participation



Integrated Databases on Multiple Aspects of Traditional Medicine



Encyclopedia on Indian Medicinal Plants

Here you can find information of Medicinal Plants in following 2 ways

Botanical Namewise Vernacular Namewise

A unique, well-researched, comprehensive database on Indian Medicinal Plants is now available for researchers, academicians, school students, ethnobotanists, conservationists, resource managers, nature enthusiasts...

Towards this direction, FRLHT has been developing over the past 20 years a comprehensive database on Indian Medicinal Plants. It covers various subject linked to natural resources used by Indian System of Medicine such as botanical and local names correlation, geo-distribution data, maps, propogation, trade information etc. This is a well referenced dynamic database. It grows based on authentic scientific publications available in the said area.

This exclusive and innovative search based database stores 7,637 botanical names (6,198 medicinal plants species) with 119183 vernacular names from 12 languages across India. Nearly 2688 plant images are also available in the database.

Just explore to know more. Give us your feedback to envis@frlht.org

Biodiversity and Community Health Initiative



- United Nations University (IIGH & IAS) worked on the Planetary Health Commission, Urban Health, Ecosystems & Health; hosted the initiative
- Part of the State of Knowledge Review (SOK) on Biodiversity and Health
- Interagency Liaison group meetings (WHO &SCBD)
- Various side events from COP 10 to COP 14 on Biodiversity and Health
- Regional Workshop in Manila 2018 for South East Asian Countries hosted by ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
- Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) report Food and Nutrition, Noncommunicable diseases, Traditional Medicine & COVID Pandemic (2021)
- Expert Working Group (EWG) on Biodiversity, Climate Change, One Health and Nature-based Solutions
- Flagship program Community to Community Learning Exchange programs with indigenous, local knowledge holders and traditional medicine practitioners

Biodiversity and Community Health Initiative

• Multi-partner initiative, Initiated in 2012 - focuses on synergizing efforts of different organizations and institutions to address health and wellbeing at the community level

 Partners include UN agencies, international research networks, NGOs, indigenous groups and networks























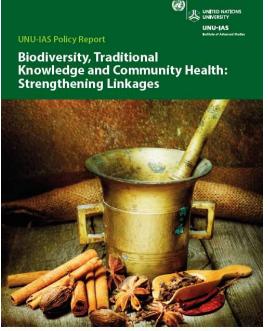




Strategies & Outcomes

Research

- Policy reports and briefs on biodiversity, traditional knowledge and community health; Contribution to the State of Knowledge Review, (led chapter on traditional medicine, chapter on climate and health)
- Research lines and publications on on Biodiversity, TK and Health; Climate; Ecosystems and health
- **Networking** (IAS and IIGH) BaCH initiative, Natural Livestock Farming network (NLF), RCE Network, ProSPER.Net, Satoyama Initiative and other national and regional networks
- Capacity building Community to Community Exchange; Educational programs – short term and intensive
- **Policy linkages** CBD, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, National programs

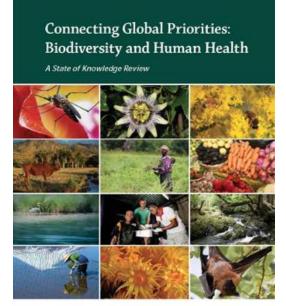










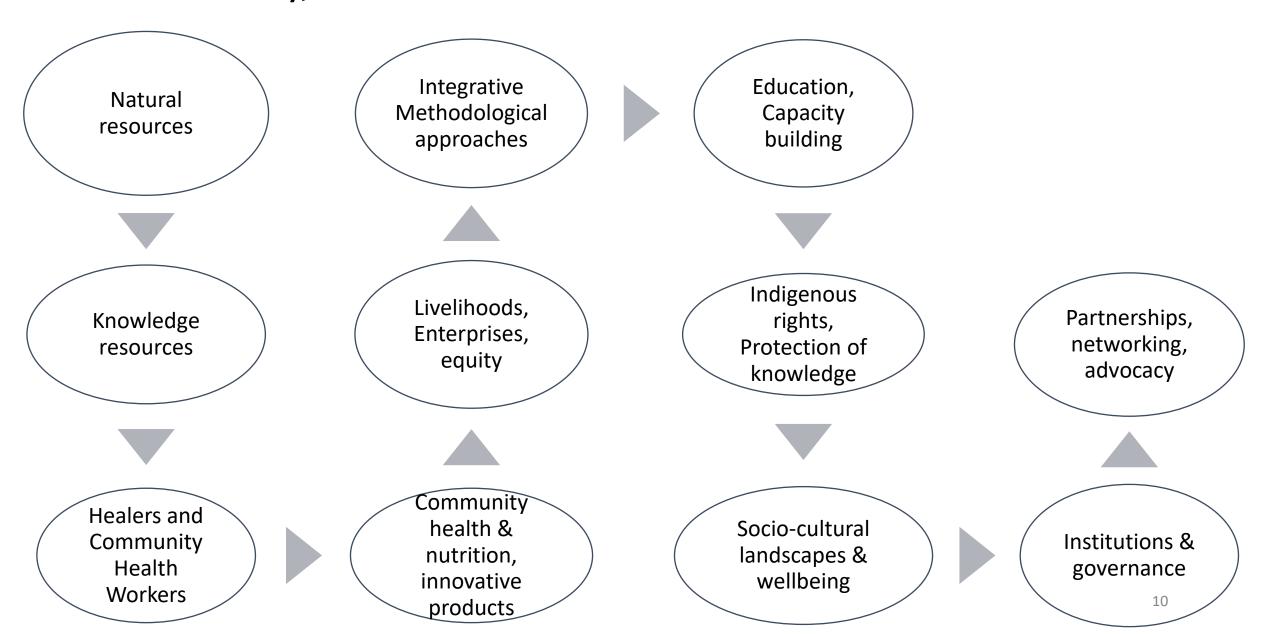








Biodiversity, Traditional Medicine & Health - Work Dimensions



International Community to Community Exchange Programs (from 2006)

- 1. Healers and indigenous communities and local Peoples (IPLCs) capacity building programs on traditional medicine, conservation, Access and benefit sharing (ABS) etc.
- 2. Student exchange at graduate level
- 3. Professional Exchange programs physicians, veterinarians, Community Health Workers

Partnering organizations

- Biodiversity and Community Health Initiative
- United Nations University (IAS & IIGH)
- UNDP Equator Initiative
- UN Environment
- Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity
- Bioversity International
- Traffic International
- ETC-Compas
- GIZ ABS Capacity Building Initiative
- International Natural Livestock Farming Foundation
- Various academic institutions

Participants from

- Americas (Guatemala, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, USA etc.
- Africa (Cameroon, Nigeria, Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, etc.)
- Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines, Korea, Indonesia, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Japan etc.)
- Europe & UK (Netherlands, Italy, Germany, France, Romania, UK, Poland, Switzerland etc.)

National & International Traditional Healers' Exchange Programs













ABS Capacity Building Exchange Programs

















Traditional Medicine and Community Health Workers Learning Exchanges













Conservation and Sustainable Use Linked Learning Exchange & Training programs

Sustainable Harvest of Medicinal Plants



Medicinal and Aromatic (MAPs) are in high demand. However, there is not adequate supply. In order to bridge this gap, MAPs from the wild are being over-extracted for higher profits. This is threatening the existence of the plants. Slow-growing plants with poor regeneration potential are especially being pushed to the brink of extinction.

Therefore, MAPs need to be harvested wisely, meeting our needs of the present and ensuring adequate supply in future. If we harvest plants in a scientific, sustainable and responsible manner, we will have plenty left for the future.

Here are some useful tips for sustainable and scientific harvesting:

For Roots & Tubers

Do not uproot a plant entirely, leave the younger roots and tubers intact so the plant can continue to grow.



For Bark

Stripping the bark completely exposes a tree to infection, decay, death and stunted growth. Remove the bark only in patches.



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For Twigs/Branches

Do not cut the tree trunk or big branches. Collect only twigs. Allow the tree to regenerate.



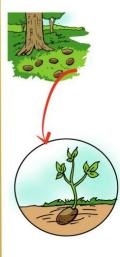
For Young Trees

Do not harvest and uproot young trees. Allow them to grow. They will yield higher returns when they are older.



For Seeds

Leave some ripe seeds behind. These will germinate to give more trees.















Wish to cultivate medicinal and aromatic plants?



Visit Jadi Booti Shod Sansthan (HRDI), Chamoli. HRDI provides information, training, seeds & saplings of medicinal plants free of cost. HRDI has a master trainer available in every district. Call the HRDI, Chamoli office for

information on local trainers.

If a cultivator wishes to purchase planting materials from other sources, HRDI offers a 50% subsidy on the total planting costs (includes planting material, water, labour cost etc.). Planting costs for all species are fixed by the State Government.

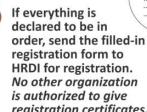
Center for Aromatic Plants (CAP) and Bhesaj Vikas Ikai also provide planting materials and related services. CAp provides training and planting materials for aromatic plants. Bhesaj Vikas Ikai has coordinators in every district.

IMP: Before leaving, collect registration forms from HRDI as they need to be filled in later and sent back for registration purposes. **JOURNEY OF A MEDICINAL & AROMATIC** PLANTS CULTIVATOR



Take the planting materials home and plant them as advised during the training.

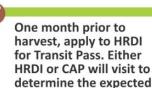




quantity of harvest

Are you ready to send Don't forget to record

registration certificates.





Carry the raw material

directly to one of the

mandis for auctioning.

Approach the Van Nigam / HRDI /

CAP / Bhesai Sangh / SMPB for

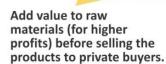
guidance regarding markets /

interested buyers for both raw

material and processed products.



Sell the raw material directly to a private buyer.







Once the Transit Pass has been obtained, the cultivator has 4 options to market the produce.



When will you harvest your produce? ----

> Engage in scientific harvesting of produce as directed during the training.



Bhesaj Vikas Ikai & Bhesaj Sangh 8-A, Bengali Library Road, Dehradun, Uttarakh Telefax: 0135-2744789

Centre for Aromatic Plants (CAP)

State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPR), Uttarakhane lefax: 0135-2769918; E-mail: undpgefuk@gmail.com

Resume

farming

Auction Dates: 7.8: 22 of every month

ion Dates: 6 & 19 of every













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Help Conserve Medicinal and Aromatic Plants!

Know Them Use Them





On the brink of extinction!

Found at 3000 - 5000 metres

Status

In danger

Found at 2800 - 4200 metres

to cure arthiritis

Tubers used in medicines

Rhizomes and roots used in medicines to treat stomach



Found at 1800 - 3000 metres



Whole Plant used in blood stomach problems



On the brink of extinction!

purifying tonics and to treat



25 26 27 28 2st Feb - World Wetlands Day 28th Feb - National Science Day

Harad



Meetha Bish

September

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23 24 25 26 27 28 29

16" Sep - World Ozone Day

28" Sep - Green Consumer Day

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Aconitum balfourii

28 29 30 31

12" Jan - National Youth Day

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22" May - International Day for

Satwa

In danger



Found at

Fruits, along with fruits of



Amla and Baheda, used in



Plants (GSMP)

Medicinal and aromatic plants that are vulnerable to destructive harvesting due to very high demands. A few of these species are also most difficult to cultivate on a large scale.

Flagship GSMP

Some priority species marked for conservation in an MPCA. Each of the 7 MPCAs of Uttarakhand has a set of flagship species. All plants shown in this planner are



Kutki

Picrorhiza kurrooa



On the brink of extinction! Found at

Rhizomes and roots used in medicines to cure jaundice and stomach ache

October

Desertification and Drough

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5th June - World Environment Day

17th June - World Day to Combat

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" Monday of October - World Habitat Day

Medicinal Plants Conservation Area (MPCA) A network of natural sites or forests demarcated to conserve medicinal and aromatic plants in their natural habitat.

Medicinal Plants Development Area (MPDA)

The area around MPCAs from where medicinal and aromatic plants can be scientifically and sustainably harvested.



Status

Found at

Found at

1800 - 3600 metres

Pseudobulbs used as

Ashthavarga in Avurveda

On the brink of extinction!

Tubers used in tonics to

treat general weakness

Found at

Leaves and bark used in

Thuner

anti-cancer medicines

Taxus baccata

March

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21" March - World Forestry Day 22" March - World Water Day

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15 16 17 18 19 20 21

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11th Jul - World Population Day

Dactylorhiza hatagirea

Hathajadi

Jeevak

29 30 31

Malaxis muscifera



Tubers used in medicines to

April

Aconitum heterophyllum

Found at

cure chronic fever

Wed Thu Fri Sat Sur

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29 30

7º April - World Health Day 22st April - Earth Day

Amla



Tulu

11 12 13 14

November fon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

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20th Nov - Universal Children's Day

25 26 27 28 29 30

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Fruits, along with fruits of Harad and Baheda,



Found upto 1370 metres

used in making Triphala

August 1 2 3 4 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

26 27 28 29 30 31 9º Aug - International Day for World's Indigenous People

On the brink of extinction Found at

Roots used in hair and heart tonics

Balchad

Arnebia benthamii

December 30 31 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

11° Dec - International Mountain Day

Look up these terms!!

In danger! - Vii Becoming rare! - Endangered

Roots used in medicines to

treat asthama and intestinal

Found at

On the brink of extinction! - Critically Endangered

Red List of Threatened Species

For further information please contact:

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Veterinary & Health Professionals - Antibiotic Reduction in Livestock Farming (NLF Network) - One Health Approach







India, Ethiopia, Uganda and the Netherlands

Extra payment

Milk quality control

Use of medicinal plants

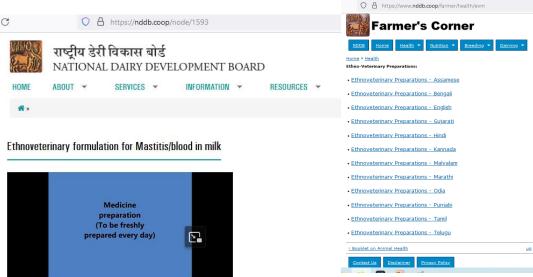
Strategic use of local breeds

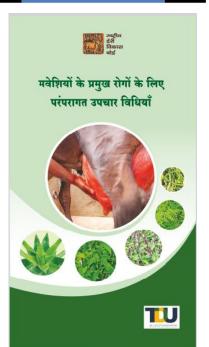
Improved animal & farm management





Mainstreaming in India







Dairy Knowledge Portal

○ A https://www.dairyknowledge.in/#



DownToEarth

HEALTH

'Ethnoveterinary medicine will be a game changer for dairy in India'

 $Down\ To\ Earth\ speaks\ to\ Meenesh\ Shah,\ chairman,\ NDDB\ on\ EVM\ use\ in\ the\ Indian\ dairy\ sector$

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Ethnoveterinary medicine as an alternative approach is gaining ground both among veterinarians and farmers alike, according to NDDB Chairman, Meenesh Shah. Photo: iStock

Future Directions

- Global biodiversity framework calls for whole of government and whole of society approaches - this gives mandate also to environment sectors to speak to and act with other sectors
- Emphasis on agency of non state actors (peer learning exchanges and activities can help develop different capacities)
- Emphasis on fostering traditional knowledge systems in solutions towards sustainability (in conservation, sustainable use, equity and further also in monitoring and assessments)
- Strengthen linkages between value addition- resource use and wellbeing priorities



Thank you!

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