

DOCUMENTATION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGES FROM IRULAR TRIBE OF T.PALUR BLOCK AT ARIYALUR DISTRICT IN TAMIL NADU

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ABSTRACT

The survey of ethnobotanical was carried out among the ethnic groups (Irular) at T.palur Block in Ariyalur District, South India. The communities of tribal have Irular nurture rich knowledge about medicinal plants and its traditional uses. Therefore, we have done an exhaustive ethnobotanical survey in this area. In this present investigation, it is observed that the tribes being used 45 wild valuable plant species belonging to 19 families were identified with relevant information and documented in this paper with regard to their botanical name, family, vernacular name, parts used and utilization by the local tribal people for different human ailments. The herbal practitioner treated the common diseases were asthma, appetizer, aphrodisiacs, corn, dandruff, diabetes, indigestion, infertility, piles, skin diseases, sting of scorpion and wasp, ulcer etc.

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