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FIELD VERIFICATION OF C.A.M.P. WORKSHOPS' THREAT ASSESSMENTS: POPULATION STUDY OF RED LISTED MEDICINAL TREES IN THE TROPICAL DRY FORESTS OF CENTRAL INDIA

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ABSTRACT: On the basis of Conservation Assessment & Management Prioritisation (CAMP) workshops held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh during 2003 & 2006 by Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore (FRLHT) in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (MPSBB), 50 Medicinal plants of Madhya Pradesh had been assigned the Red List (RL) status of Near Threatened and above using IUCN Red List Categories & Criteria. Out of these 50 species of medicinal plants 13 are trees. Stressing upon the need for further investigation for prioritised species, the report stated that it had preliminary information on the species assessed which needed to be further strengthened before it is put up for management actions. Hence, the present research was taken up to investigate the actual status of these 13 Red Listed Medicinal Trees of Madhya Pradesh (the central and most forested state of India) through one time population study. This study has quite convincingly confirmed the threat perceptions regarding all the 13 medicinal tree species of the state.

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