

STUDIES ON PHYTOTHERAPEUTIC PLANTS OF THOVALAITALUK, KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU, INDIA

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Abstract : Kanyakumari District, once known as the “granary of the south “, lies at the south western part of the Indian Peninsula. This district consists of four taluks – Agasteeswaram, Kalkulam, Thovalai and Vilavancode. Thovalai Taluk is the third largest taluk in this district with an area of 396.1 sq.k.m. (36.907 ha.). The people of this taluk traditionally are co-existing with their native environment and depend on plants and plant products for health and treatment of diseases. Studies were conducted with a view to identify the common plants of phytotherapeutic value naturally growing in this taluk. Plants were collected, identified and data regarding their utilization by local people and traditional medicine practitioners were recorded. However, in this paper 120 wild species were enlisted along with their therapeutic potential.

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