

MEDICINAL USES OF RARE, ENDANGERED AND THREATENED (RET) PLANT SPECIES

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Abstract: Whenever a species or creature is threatened or endangered, it indicates it has gone extinct, is fast disappearing, or has too few populations to survive. The term "extinction" refers to the end of a species' existence. Almost every form of agroclimatic and edaphic situation known to man can be found in this country. About 2500 species of plants are used in India's indigenous medical system. The red data book, on the other hand, identifies 427 Indian medicinal plants as endangered species, with 28 deemed extinct, 124 endangered, 81 rare, and 34 unknowns. An endangered species, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), is threatened with extinction due to an organism or population of organisms, habitats, excessive mortality, or environmental changes.

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