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A founder of and leading thinker in the field of modern ethnobiology looks at the widespread regularities in the classification and naming of plants and animals among peoples of traditional, nonliterate societies--regularities that persist across local environments, cultures, societies, and languages. Brent Berlin maintains that these patterns can best be explained by the similarity of human beings' largely unconscious appreciation of the natural affinities among groupings of plants and animals: people recognize and name a grouping of organisms quite independently of its actual or potential usefulness or symbolic significance in human society. Berlin's claims challenge those anthropologists who see reality as a "set of culturally constructed, often unique and idiosyncratic images, little constrained by the parameters of an outside world." Part One of this wide-ranging work focuses primarily on the structure of ethnobiological classification inferred from an analysis of descriptions of individual systems. Part Two focuses on the underlying processes involved in the functioning and evolution of ethnobiological systems in general. Originally published in 1992. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905. *Traditional and Religious Plants of West Africa* is a collection of plant uses that appear to be based on beliefs, symbols, signs and values. Nothing like this has been attempted before for the Region since the information has been scattered in books, papers and among traditional men and women themselves. Much of this local information is in danger of being lost as traditional rural life gives way to urban living with its detachment from the countryside. The information has been compiled from literature, general observation and from original, reliably authoritative and undeniably genuine knowledge extracted from exclusive interviews with elders, medicine-men, fetish priests and witch-doctors - many though illiterate and belonging to the dying breed. This book will not only be a constant source of reference, but the text in its own right will intrigue readers. It is prepared for the general reader as well as the specialist; and for the traditionalist as well as the scientist. Hence, technical terms are kept to a minimum or where used are fully explained. Medicinal plants, Knowledge, traditional knowledge, conservation, Indian subcontinent, management. This book is a must for beginners and serious students of herbs and of Native American ways. This set of herbal teachings, which draws strongly from the Muscogee tradition, presents an understanding of the healing nature of plants for the first time in book form. In a time of expanding awareness of the potential of herbs, this work shines and beckons. This Mal examines common wild plants and in a clear and authoritative style explains how to identify, honor, select, and prepare them for use. Illustrated and indexed by plant name and medical topic. "The purpose of this project is to provide a resource guide for medical providers and traditional health care practitioners in an effort to better coordinate patient care with traditional practices. This guide will help to illuminate some contraindications of western medicine with Southern California Native American traditional medicine, in hopes of protecting patients from any negative reactions. A secondary purpose ... is to make available information about traditional medicine to anyone interested in disease prevention through Native American knowledge and traditions."-- P. 1. There is a growing appreciation of traditional medical systems as a source of considerable knowledge of the medicinal properties of plants. Traditional medicines have the potential to offer leads to identifying potentially valuable chemicals that can be developed into new and more effective drugs, including safer contraceptives. The Pacific region is an excellent arena in which to search for such chemicals as: the area contains plant species not found elsewhere; there is every indication that many of the plants used more generally in traditional Pacific medicine may be efficacious - of 74 plants surveyed in one study 86% showed pharmacological activity; and in many Pacific traditions, knowledge of medicinal use is transmitted between generations as part of an inherited body of ethnomedical knowledge. This book documents all the available information on plants that have been used traditionally for anti-fertility and fertility purposes in the Pacific region, and indicates which of these plants hold the most promise for providing new anti-fertility agents. It also records instances in which the plant has been used outside the region. *Medicinal Plants of Appalachia* features 125 plants of the Appalachian region that have been traditionally used for herbal treatments of various illnesses. The book describes each plant and includes color photographs for each species, a listing of ailments treated, and the plant parts used. The global popularity of herbal supplements and the promise they hold in treating various disease states has caused an unprecedented interest in understanding the molecular basis of the biological activity of traditional remedies. *Herbal Medicine: Biomolecular and Clinical Aspects* focuses on presenting current scientific evidence of biomolecular ef Zanzibar Island in Tanzania is famous for its spices, but also has rich varieties of indigenous and exotic fruits and traditional medicine. The book introduces 104 plants with a traditional healer Dr. Mmadi H. Shamata and a botanist Mr. Mbago. Introducing special spices, fruits, and medicinal plants in a joint work with herbalists and botanists. *Witch's Garden* describes over 50 of the world's most powerful magical plants and their uses, mythical and proven. Wise women, apothecaries, witches, herbalists: whatever you call them, those who cultivate plants for their fabled mystical and healing properties have existed for thousands of years. From the screaming mandrake to calming St John's Wort, the history of esoteric species is often as dark and elusive as the art of herbalism itself. Including tales of remedies for everything from bad weather and broken hearts to protection from evil and the invocation of immortality, *Witch's Garden* features exquisite botanical illustrations and fascinating specimens held within the archives of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, while archival images depicting occult practices evoke the bewitching nature of these mysterious species. *Indigenous Knowledge Behind Traditional Practice Of Herbs Is Like Crude Diamond, Hardest But Without Shine And Not Acknowledged And Accepted As Diamond By The People.*

Today An Artificial Shining Stone, Well Packed, Aggressively Marketed And Supported By Strategic Advertisement Is The Biggest Threat To The Existence Of Real Diamond. If This Continues Then This Phenomenon Of Endangered Indigenous Knowledge Of Tribals Will Become Extinct And Needless To Discuss, We The Human Being Will Be Deprived Of The Real Essence And Hence The Biggest Loser. It Is Important To Know That It Requires \$ 1.5 Billion And 10-15 Years To Develop A New Drug, Whereas, The Development Of New Drug Through Traditional Herbal Knowledge And Tribal Healers Could Be Much Shorter And Needless To Discuss Cost Effective . The Whole Book Moves Around The Fulcrum Of Traditional Herbal Knowledge Of Indian Tribesmen. It Is The Finest Attempt To Explain The Traditional Herbal Knowledge Of Indian Tribal Regions Which Are Very Different In Terms Of Forest, Vegetation, Cultures, And Beliefs. Nevertheless, Equally Competitive So Far Age Old Medicinal Practices Are Concerned. The Book Deals With About 210 Important Medicinal Plants Used By The Traditional Herbal Healers In India. Given Vernacular Names In English, Sanskrit And Many Other Indian Regional Languages, Short Diagnostic Taxonomic Description, Ecology And Distributional Aspects Provided Under Each Plant And Up-To-Date Information About The Ongoing Research Of Every Medicinal Plant Mentioned Here Makes This Book More Reader Friendly And Advanced. Latest Accepted And Valid Botanical Names In Accordance With Icbn Have Been Adopted For The Medicinal Plants To Sustain Correct Identity. The Book Contains More Than 2200 Traditional Herbal Practices As Per The Different Disorders, Methodology Of Drug Preparation And Procedure Of Intake. Easy Language, 90 High Resolution Colour Photographs And Systematic Presentation Of Medicinal Plants With Major Emphasis Given On Traditional Herbal Therapies, Usage, And Comparative Analysis Along With Data-Tables Make The Study More Exhaustive And Generate Temptation To Read It Again And Again. It Is Hoped That It Will Serve As An Informative Databank For Herbal Researchers Who Are Engaged In New Drug Development; A Perfect Reference Material For Ethnobotanists, Herbalists And Pharmacologists; And A Guiding Tool For A Housewife For Home Remedies. Medicinal plants and traditional medical practices from Sierra Leone in West Africa have much to offer the rest of the world. Dr. Cyrus MacFoy, an experienced researcher and scientific consultant, highlights more than two hundred plants used to cure more than one hundred diseases and illnesses in this informational guide. He provides the plant location, their botanical and local names, English common names, and the ways they are used to treat and cure ailments and diseases. He also includes • findings regarding the conservation, sustainable use, and development of new drugs; • ways to incorporate different techniques into the health care delivery system; and • chemical analyses and biological activity testing of plant species. Discover how Africa's traditional healers play a critical role in treating diseases such as HIV and AIDS. In developing countries with poor infrastructure, these healers are located in nearly every rural village setting as well as in the busy urban areas. While underappreciated, they may play a key role in solving the continent's diverse health problems. Presenting recent discoveries on ethnomedicinal plants around the world, this book focuses on evaluating the progress to date as well as the future potential of drug development in ethnomedicine. Eight reviews examine therapeutic applications including the spasmolytic effects of various plants, the anti-inflammatory activity of plants from Brazil a The present volume of the book series "Traditional and Folk Herbal Medicine: Recent Researches-Vol. 3" is the compilation of 16 original research and review articles contributed by the leading experts from India and abroad and includes topics like- Complementary Therapy with Traditional Herbal Medicines in Obstetrics and Gynecologic Disorders-I: Abortion, Pseudopregnancy, Lactation and Mastitis; Complementary Therapy with Traditional Herbal Medicines in Obstetrics and Gynecologic Disorders-II: Menstrual Cycle and its Disorders, Reproductive Performance and Menopause; Complementary Therapy with Traditional Herbal Medicines in Obstetrics and Gynecologic Disorders -III: Leucorrhea, Endometriosis, Uterine Fibroid, Ovarian Cyst and Gynecological Cancers; Antioxidant Properties and Phytochemical Analysis of Chilli and Turmeric; Evaluation of Antibacterial Potential of Aerial Parts of Some Plants of Cucurbitaceae Family and their Phytochemical Analysis; Classification of Chinese Herbal Medicine and its Recent Researches; Alternative Methods of Parasite Control in Rural Areas: An Authenticated Traditional Approach; Unani- An Approach to Holistic Medicine; Ethnomedicinal Plants Used against Jaundice by Various Clans of the Telegu Tribe of Bangladesh; Chickpea (Shimbykul): Derived Biomolecules for Better Development of its Phytochemistry and Pharmacology; Exploring the Potential of Withania for Traditional and Modern Healthcare Systems; Cassia fistula Pod: From Waste to Modern Herbal Laxative Products; Antiobesity and Hypolipidemic Effects of Proprietary Herbal Drugs Geriforte and Haritaki in Male Albino Rats Fed High Fat Diet; Physicochemical Characterization of Bhasmas: An Approach to Standardization; Ethnomedical Survey of Medicinal Plants used by Three Indigenous Tribes in Yobe State, Nigeria; Plants in Indian Traditional Medicine Formulation. I hope the present volume of the book series with rich content of practice and with high reference value will be widely read and unambiguously provide useful supplementary information to the R&D departments of pharmaceutical companies, functional food companies, clinicians, pharmaceutical workers, pharmacological and toxicological researchers, and the graduate as well as post graduate students. A guide to the identification, preparation, and uses of traditional medicinal plants found in mountains, foothills, and upland areas of the American West. In Spite Of Increasing Urbanisation, A Large Proportion Of The Indian Population Has Retained Its Reliance Upon The Traditional Approach To Healthcare And Continues To Consult Traditional Medicinal Practitioners (Tmps) For Medical Treatment. India Is Sitting On A Gold Mine Of Well-Recorded And Well-Practised Knowledge Of Traditional Herbal Medicine. Amongst The Ancient Civilisations, India Has Been Known To Be A Rich Repository Of Medicinal Plants. The Rig Veda, Yajur Veda And Atharva Veda And Later On, The Charaka Samhita And The Sushruta Samhita Described The Properties And Uses Of Plants In Compounding Of Drugs And These Are Still Used In Classical Formulations. The Present Book Herbal Medicine: Traditional Practices Contains 17 Articles On Different Aspects Of The Subject. The Book Incorporates Articles On Traditional Phytotherapy For Jaundice; Medicinal Plants Used Against Gynaecological Morbidity; Indigenous Knowledge For Curing And Preventing Paediatric Diseases; Herbal Traditional Medicine For Sensory Organ Diseases And Other Ethnomedicinal Plants Used By Tribals Of India. Articles On Recent Approaches In The Development And Standardisation Of Formulations Of Herbal Drugs And The Role Of Biotechnology In Their Upgradation Provide Excellent Information On The Topic. The Book Also Covers Topics On Conservation Of Medicinal Plants In India, Strategy For Development Of Medicinal And Aromatic Plants And Application Of Industrial Wastes For Growth Of Medicinal And Aromatic Plants. Articles On Traditional Knowledge System About Veterinary Health Care Provide Information On Plants Used For Curing Animal Diseases. In Addition, General Articles Namely Soma Plants; Botanical Enigma And Hypoglycaemic Impact Of Spirulina Algae Have Added To The Value Of The Book. The Present Book Provides Excellent Glimpses Of The Rich Herbal Medicine And Traditional Knowledge Heritage Of India. The Present Book Will Serve Not Only As An Excellent Reference Material But Also As A Practical Guide For Herbal Healers, Vaidyas, Hakims, Research Workers And Students In The Field Of Medicinal Plants. Malaria is an increasing worldwide threat, with more than three hundred million infections and one million deaths every year. The worlds poorest are the worst affected, and many treat themselves with traditional herbal medicines. These are often more available and affordable, and sometimes are perceived as more effective than conventional antimalaria Medicinal Plants for Holistic Health and Well-Being discusses, in depth, the use of South African plants to treat a variety of ailments, including tuberculosis, cancer, periodontal diseases, acne, postmacular hypomelanosis, and more. Plants were selected on the basis of their traditional use, and the book details the scientific evidence that supports their pharmacological and therapeutic potential to safely and effectively treat each disease. Thus, this book is a valuable resource for all researchers, students and professors involved in advancing global medicinal plant research. Many plants found in South Africa are also found in other parts of the world. Each chapter highlights plants from other worldwide locations so that scientists can study which plants belong to the same family, and how similar qualities can be used to treat a specific disease. Uses traditional medicine as an efficient means to identify and further investigate South African and similar plants used as lead compounds in modern drug discovery Includes a number of chapters dedicated to using medicinal plants to treat various skin disorders, which is not covered

often in other books on medicinal plants Organized by specific diseases, with vital evidence-based data related to the bioactivity, pharmacological potential, chemical structure and safety information This book is designed to provide pharmacologists and researchers of natural products a comprehensive review of 200 medicinal plants, their vernacular names in various languages and their medicinal uses around the world, and in some cases, a historical perspective. Chemical constituents of each plant with the putative active constituent, and available up to date pharmacological studies (until 2017 on PubMed) with each medical activity explored and its relationship with traditional uses, are described for each plant. Any variations in chemical constituents and their effects on pharmacological studies outcome have been highlighted. All clinical trials conducted, with sufficient details, have been included. Nationalities and racial identities of participants of clinical trials are identified to impress upon the social, cultural and dietary influences on the clinical outcomes. Toxicity studies and potential interactions with prescribed drugs, and full spectrum of references are included. Traditional Muskogee Way. The Cherokee and Hitchiti author shares his knowledge of medicinal uses of plants and traditional Native root-doctoring techniques. Readers learn how to identify, honor, and select common wild plants and are given information about responsible harvesting versus cultivation. The author explains how to prepare liniments, lotions, oils, salves, teas, and tinctures, and recommends specific remedies for numerous ailments. A must for beginners as well as serious students of herbology. Indexed and illustrated and indexed by both plant name and medical topic. Tis Mal Crow had also worked internationally with indigenous healers and herbal groups to promote the medicinal uses of herbs and the conservation of the wild habitat needed to sustain the growth of medicinal herbs. This book highlights the importance of traditional medicines, focuses on the standardization of herbal medicine and evaluates opportunities for advancing drug research. It addresses issues in utilization of medicinal plants and shares the importance of herbs in nutraceuticals. It provides most competitive techniques being used in research. A single-source reference on the most important and best-investigated Ayurvedic herbs This book examines the clinical information available on more than 60 Ayurvedic herbs to determine how their use in traditional Indian medicine is supported by modern scientific study. Plants are grouped according to body systems and each entry includes a description, information on the source plant, distribution and traditional use, active chemical constituents, relevant pharmacology, and details of clinical studies and safety findings. This unique book also includes a brief history of Ayurveda, examines the history of drug development and evaluation in ancient India, and identifies current trends resulting from scientific investigation. Worldwide interest in Ayurveda is growing quickly, especially in the United States, Europe, and Japan. But until now, information on Western-style clinical trials on Ayurveda herbs has been scattered and no single source for descriptions, comments, and references has existed. Ayurvedic Herbs presents the first critical validation of Ayurvedic medicine, extensively referenced for physicians and clinicians interested in alternative and adjunctive therapies. This unique book is essential for making informed choices on herb use, offering clinical trial data, results of pharmacological studies, and safety information. Ayurvedic Herbs examines: gastrointestinal agents hepatoprotective agents respiratory tract agents cardiovascular drugs urinary tract drugs antirheumatic agents skin and trauma care agents gynecological agents antidiabetic agents CNS agents rasayana drugs dental and ophthalmological agents and much more Ayurvedic Herbs includes cross-references to chapters when a particular plant has more than one indication and watercolor illustrations of twelve major herbs. This volume provides a contemporary overview of new strategies for traditional medicine development. It emphasizes the importance of cataloging ethnomedical information, determining the active principles, and examining the genetic diversity and range of actions of traditional medicines. It discusses the challenges of using traditional medicines for diseases where access to modern medicine is limited, and the research areas needed to improve quality, safety, and efficacy for enhancing healthcare. Affirming the importance of traditional medicines as an essential and integral component of healthcare systems, it explores the vast opportunities for their evidence-based development. This book highlights 12 major plants in the Asteraceae family from the aspects of traditional uses as food and medicine, phytochemistry, and pharmacological activities. Asteraceae is one of the largest family of flowering plants comprising over 1,600 plant genera and 32,000 plant species. Plants belonging to this family have a long history of being used as medicinal plants for the treatment of various diseases. Many of them are also used in the preparation of foods, beverages, and also used in pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. In addition, plants such as *Artemisia annua* have played an important role in the discovery of novel drugs. The book summarizes the traditional uses of the plants in the family Asteraceae and their scientific validation, which helps readers understand their relation and impact on human health. It also explains the Phytochemistry of the species and presents the pharmacological activities and mechanisms in detail. Understanding current scientific knowledge will help in the commercialization of products based on these plants and also helps to find the research gaps that should be fulfilled in the future for their optimal use. It also helps in increasing the awareness of the plant species related to conservation, cultivation, and sustainable utilization. This edited volume comprises chapters contributed by experts from around the world. Early anthropological evidence for plant use as medicine is 60,000 years old as reported from the Neanderthal grave in Iraq. The importance of plants as medicine is further supported by archeological evidence from Asia and the Middle East. Today, around 1.4 billion people in South Asia alone have no access to modern health care, and rely instead on traditional medicine to alleviate various symptoms. On a global basis, approximately 50 to 80 thousand plant species are used either natively or as pharmaceutical derivatives for life-threatening conditions that include diabetes, hypertension and cancers. As the demand for plant-based medicine rises, there is an unmet need to investigate the quality, safety and efficacy of these herbs by the "scientific methods". Current research on drug discovery from medicinal plants involves a multifaceted approach combining botanical, phytochemical, analytical, and molecular techniques. For instance, high throughput robotic screens have been developed by industry; it is now possible to carry out 50,000 tests per day in the search for compounds, which act on a key enzyme or a subset of receptors. This and other bioassays thus offer hope that one may eventually identify compounds for treating a variety of diseases or conditions. However, drug development from natural products is not without its problems. Frequent challenges encountered include the procurement of raw materials, the selection and implementation of appropriate high-throughput bioassays, and the scaling-up of preparative procedures. Research scientists should therefore arm themselves with the right tools and knowledge in order to harness the vast potentials of plant-based therapeutics. The main objective of Plant and Human Health is to serve as a comprehensive guide for this endeavor. Volume 1 highlights how humans from specific areas or cultures use indigenous plants. Despite technological developments, herbal drugs still occupy a preferential place in a majority of the population in the third world and have slowly taken roots as alternative medicine in the West. The integration of modern science with traditional uses of herbal drugs is important for our understanding of this ethnobotanical relationship. Volume 2 deals with the phytochemical and molecular characterization of herbal medicine. Specifically, it focuses on the secondary metabolic compounds, which afford protection against diseases. Lastly, Volume 3 discusses the physiological mechanisms by which the active ingredients of medicinal plants serve to improve human health. Together this three-volume collection intends to bridge the gap for herbalists, traditional and modern medical practitioners, and students and researchers in botany and horticulture. This book is an attempt to ensure that traditional knowledge is not lost and that ecosystems are protected for future generations. It describes more than 270 traditional medicinal treatments, all of which use the plants of the Marshall Islands, and provides a biogeographical, historical and anthropological context, with a particular focus on the use of traditional medicine for the treatment of women. This book is written for researchers, undergraduate students and postgraduate students, physicians and traditional medicine practitioners who develop research in the field of neurosciences, phytochemistry and ethnopharmacology or can be useful for their practice. Topics discussed include the description of depression, its biochemical causes, the targets of antidepressant drugs, animal and cell models commonly used in the research of this pathology, medicinal plants and bioactive compounds with antidepressant activity used in traditional medicine, advances in nanotechnology for drug delivery to the brain and finally the future challenges for researchers studying this pathology. The Republic of Palau in the Caroline Islands has a

traditional medical system developed over many generations. The Palau Primary Health Care Manual compiles traditional ethnomedical information about plants and presents it within the context of Western Medicine. Many common health conditions are discussed in this book, including those specific to Palauan culture. The book is divided into chapters that discuss plant therapies used in traditional medical care including preventive medicine, chronic disease, bites and stings, diarrhea and gastrointestinal disorders, skin disorders, cuts, wounds, and broken bones, stress, pain, women's health, men's health, colds and flu, and ear, nose, and throat. Also provided is scientific information about each species including efficacy, pharmacology, and potential toxicity, where known. It is intended as an educational manual for Palau and the Pacific region, an area where traditional medicine and some of the plants used in its practice, are endangered resources. Based on extensive on-island research and a comprehensive review of the literature, the book has been produced by a group of Palauan and international experts, specialists in ethnomedicine, clinical care, public health, biology, conservation, and Pacific Island culture. This first-of-its-kind herbal guide takes you through the origins of herbal practices rooted in African American tradition--from Ancient Egypt and the African tropics to the Caribbean and the United States. Inside you'll find the stories of herbal healers like Emma Dupree and Henrietta Jeffries, who made modern American herbalism what it is today. You'll also find a comprehensive herbal guide to the most commonly used herbs--such as aloe, lavender, sage, sassafras, and more--alongside gorgeous botanical illustrations. African American Herbalism is the perfect guide for anyone wanting to explore the medicinal and healing properties of herbs. In this indispensable new resource both for the home apothecary and clinical practitioners, a celebrated herbalist brings alive the elemental relationships among traditional healing practices, ecological stewardship, and essential plant medicines. By honoring ancient wisdom and presenting it in an innovative way, Energetic Herbalism is a profound and practical guide to family and community care for those seeking to move beyond symptom relief and into a truly holistic framework of health. Throughout, author Kat Maier invites readers to explore their personal relationships with plants and their environs as they discover diverse models of healing. Inside Energetic Herbalism, you'll find: The elements and patterns of Ayurvedic doshas for greater self-awareness as well as positive lifestyle choices A deep appreciation of the wisdom of indigenous peoples, which is the foundation of sacred plant traditions The relationship of well-being to the seasons through the brilliant lens of Chinese Five Element Theory, and how our emotional health is beautifully expressed through the Elements The roots and evolution of Vitalism, the traditional Western system of energetic medicine How to assess imbalances in the body using the elegant and intuitive vocabulary of the six tissue states, an emerging tool in Western herbalism The senses as the main tools for navigating through energetic herbalism Through the rich herbal tradition of storytelling, Maier seamlessly blends theory and practice with her experience-tested herbal remedies and healing protocols. Maier stresses the critical message of how to address the challenge of threatened medicinal plant populations, offering practical and inspiring methods for ensuring their survival. Many herbals boast a materia medica of more than 100 herbs, but in keeping with an emphasis on sustainable practice, Maier instead focuses in depth on 25 essential medicinal herbs that can be grown in most temperate climates and soils, including: Dandelion Ashwagandha (Indian Ginseng) Goldenseal Burdock Calendula Echinacea Goldenrod Whether you are a seasoned clinical herbalist, an herbalist-in-training, or simply someone seeking to provide the best natural health care for your family, this book is a source of inspiration, insight, and answers you will return to again and again. The demand for traditional medicines, herbal health products, herbal pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, food supplements and herbal cosmetics etc. is increasing globally due to the growing recognition of these products as mainly non-toxic, having lesser side effects, better compatibility with physiological flora, and availability at affordable prices. In the last century, medical science has made incredible advances all over the globe. In spite of global reorganization and a very sound history of traditional uses, the promotion of traditional medicine faces a number of challenges around the globe, primarily in developed nations. Regulation and safety is the high concern for the promotion of traditional medicine. Quality issues and quality control, pharmacovigilance, scientific investigation and validation, intellectual property rights, and biopiracy are some key issues that restrain the advancement of traditional medicine around the globe. This book contains diverse and unique chapters, explaining in detail various subsections like phytomolecule, drug discovery and modern techniques, standardization and validation of traditional medicine, and medicinal plants, safety and regulatory issue of traditional medicine, pharmaceutical excipients from nature, plants for future. The contents of the book will be useful for the academicians, researchers and people working in the area of traditional medicine. Mankind has used plants as a source of medicine since ancient times. Initially, these formed the bulk of folk or ethnomedicine, practiced in India and other parts of the world. Later, a considerable part of this indigenous knowledge was documented and merged with the organised system of medicine. This book contains articles covering information on medicinal plants used for curing various ailments, with a special focus on India. It covers herbal formulation and its standardization, herbal remedies in antibacterial therapy, commercial use of medicinal plants and the ethno-medico-botany of some sacred plants. The book also provides an account of traditional medicinal plants and their prospective applications in the modern day world. This book will serve as a useful reference for botanists, phytochemists, and those related to the pharmaceutical industry. Proceedings of the International Workshop on Herbal Medicinal Plants and Traditional Herb Remedies, held at Hanoi during 20-21 September 2007 organized by the Centre.

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