

TRIBE | Tropical Botany and Ethnobiology Lab

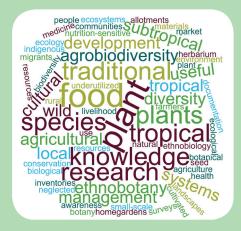
TRIBE is a multi-disciplinary research group aiming to preserve **plant species diversity** and **traditional botanical knowledge** of local rural communities.



Specifically, we study traditional knowledge of indigenous people and small-scale farmers on use patterns, management and ecology of the most culturally important as well as neglected and underutilized plant species as sources of food, medicine and materials.

MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

- ethnobotanical inventories and market surveys
- documentation of traditional ecological knowledge in different cultural groups
- assessment of agrobiodiversity in homegardens and allotments
- wild food plants' ethnobotany
- ethnobotany of migrant people
- research of informal seed systems along with agrobiodiversity conservation
- studying role of plants in food security



FURTHER ACTIVITIES AND EXPERTISE:

- taxonomy of tropical and subtropical plants
- linking research with herbarium and living plant collections
- networking with ethnobiologists at the international level
- increasing awareness about importance of biodiversity for humankind
- scaling up the importance of plant resources in local food and agricultural systems

We believe that research raising awareness on the importance and potential of useful biodiversity among local communities, academia, and policy makers may contribute substantially to the human well-being and rural development while preserving biological and cultural diversity.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

and discover the interactions between people and plants

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