

Economic plants of Champak Roy Chack village under Garhbari-II Garm Panchayat in Contai-Sub Division of Purba Medinipur District in West Bengal State, India

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Abstract- *The Paper reflects home garden of 10 villagers in Champak Roy Chack village in Garh Bari Gram Panchayat under Purba Medinipur District of West Bengal, India. It includes plants of local food items (26 species), vegetables (16 species), leafy vegetables (19 species), medicinal plants (21 species), aquatic plants (7 species), timber and fuels (28 species), fodder plants (45 species) including a few interesting ornamentals like African fire ball or African Blood Lily i.e. *Scadoxux multiflorus* (Martyn) Raf. and genetic variants of four O' Clock (*Mirabilis jalapa* L.). Maximum plants used traditionally to prepare homemade dishes and other purposes including building materials in daily life of people. Almost all villagers use common plants round the year for home gardens and for paddy fields because of the absence of other kind of lands. Day by day, home gardens are threatening due to loss of habitats and huge rise of population including fragmentation of family. The land has been used and fragmented to make building permanently or temporarily nearby old buildings or huts and make the land convenient for fisheries in a agricultural land. The present information is a model study to record the biodiversity and also to record the land use pattern up to date to sustain the ecosystem more manageable rather than degradable in near future.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Our village is our resource point. Our dream makes complete to gain from nature and utilize resources which are found vivid surrounding us. So, to make the environment tight and multifunctional always need use of resource which are found in the value based ecosystem without any kind of detrimental effect. The so called traditional system, and practice of old aged person's even elders from time to time in a particular area is therefore essential. The theme of the study and research is therefore is a presentation of my father's knowledge who was an engineer (electrical) but knew the use of science to develop environment and make it tight without loss of food chain. Therefore, he brought some plants from

virgin place and planted in his home garden like Champak Roy Chack village and studied well for regeneration. Use of bio fertilizer, organic manure, and green manure and so on in the village is now under verge of extinction but for local economy a village need these. Remembering these themes, his effort made it easy and convenient to use bullocks, cows, goats, hens, ducks, fishery (indigenous), coconut plantation, rice cultivation (indigenous method based), banana plantation, yam, corm and so on plantation in his own platform to earn money and become self supported. As a whole the land became fertile and filled with varied types of bio-resources including plants of agricultural varieties. A bio-resource based village is therefore come in to appearance and highlighted a biodiversity which may be a model for first time representation its own natural resource for ready societal development. As there are no data on the biodiversity resource of village so the survey based research was undertaken to record the bio-resource and presentation of these in a common platform to use in other areas for resource generations and mobilization of resource for economic development.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Village survey was conducted from 2010 to 2017 to study the resource and mobilization of resource from village. Record books were used to locate resource points, habitats, plants, animals, microbes, non-living resources like compost, garbages, green manure, bio-fuel, fuel, fodder, vegetables, geern and leafy vegetables etc. Camera, tape, measuring tape, lux meter and pH meter was used time to time to know the bio-load of the village to know the carrying capacity on an ecological basis. Markets like Kajlagarh, Nazir Bazar, Kalaberia, Heria, Jukhia, Bajkul was taken to know the resource mobilization including biomass flow time to time. Seasonal study on plants and animals of the local area was also used.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Village Champak Roy Chack is truly a nice village though the village suffers transportation, drinking water facility and infrastructural facilities like gram market (hats) so on, but it depicts a large variants of agricultural products in home gardens and nearby (ponds, rice fields etc.) that harbour a large number of plants which get benefit to the villagers. It conserves so many indigenous bird species, fishes in ponds; large number of reptiles, enumerable number of plants though a survey based presentation is presented here. In total the village boasts 26 plant species under 25 genera and 17 families (Table 1) used as ready food source. 16 plant species under 13 genera and 7 families (Table 2) were used as common vegetables. 19 plant species under 18 genera and 16 families (Table 3) were used as leafy vegetables. 21 plant species under 21 genera and 11 families (Table 4) were used to cure the ailments as medicinal plants. 7 plant species under 5 genera and 4 families (Table 5) were used as food during flood as aquatic plants. 28 plant species under 28 genera and 14 families (Table 6) were used for timber and fuel wood purposes. 45 plant species under 41 genera and 12 families (Table 7) were used as fodder purpose. The use value of plants of the said village is presented in figure 19. Some plants used as ornamental in the village premises for house hold deity. Others used as decorative one to beautify the landscape. These are varieties of African Fire Ball, Karabi, Kolke, Sandha moni (four o' clock), Bel, Jui, Tagar, Sandha malati, Seuli, Sonali, tagar and champa. Bamboos are common which is used to make building and fishing staff (Fig. 1) and some time to make or frame the raiser (Supporter) of plants in home garden. Date palm and Palmyra palm used to make 'tari' (Local beer) and to make molasses. The leaves are used to prepare hand fan and local umbrella (Pakhia). A detailed study may be made later on to record the knowledge based practice in near future for reference study.

Table 1. Plants used as reedy source of food items which are common but local

Local Name	Scientific Name	Family
Aam	Mangifera indica L.	Anacardiaceae
Adda	Zingiber officinale Roscoe	Zingiberaceae
Akh	Saccharum officinarum L.	Poaceae
Amada	Zingiber amada Roxb.	Zingiberaceae
Amra	Spodias dulcis L.	Anacardiaceae
Batabi lebu	Citrus maxima (Burm.) Merr.	Rutaceae
Bel	Aegle marmelos (L.) Correa	Rutaceae

Chalata	Dillenia indica L.	Dilleniaceae
Deuch	Artocarpus lakoocha Roxb.	Moraceae
Dumur	Ficus racemosa L.	Moraceae
Gab	Diospyros malabarica (Desr.) Kostel.	Ebenaceae
Jam	Syzygium cumuni (L.) Skeels	Myrtaceae
Kachu	Colocasia esculenta (L.) Schott.	Araceae
Kamranga	Averrhoa carambola L.	Oxalidaceae
Khamalu	Dioscorea alata L.	Dioscoreaceae
Khejur	Phoenix sylvestris L.	Arecaceae
Kotbel	Feronia elephantum Correa	Rutaceae
Kul	Ziziphus jujuba Mill.	Rhamnaceae
Ool	Amorphophalus paeonifolius (Dennst.) Nicolson	Araceae
Pepe/Pipa	Carica papaya L.	Caricaceae
Piyaj	Allium cepa L.	Liliaceae
Piyara	Psidium guajava L.	Myrtaceae
Rasun	Allium sativum L.	Liliaceae
Sapeda	Manilkara achras (Mill.) Fosberg	Sapotaceae
Tal	Borassus flabellifer L.	Arecaceae
Tentul	Tamarindus indica L.	Caesalpiniaceae

Table 2. Plants used as vegetables in village premises

Local Name	Scientific Name	Family
Begun	Solanum melongena L.	Solanaceae
Chalkumra	Bebincasa hispida (Thunb.) Cogn.	Cucurbitaceae
Dheras	Abelmoschus esculentum (L.) Moench	Malvaceae
Dhundul	Luffa aegyptiaca Mill.	Cucurbitaceae
Garamer Kumro	Cucurbita pepo L.	Cucurbitaceae
Jhinje	Luffa	Cucurbitaceae

	acutangula (L.) Roxb.	
Kundri	Coccinia grandis (L.) Voigt	Cucurbitaceae
Lalsak	Amaranthus tricolor L.	Amaranthaceae
Lanka	Capsicum frutescens L.	Solanaceae
Lau	Lagenarira siceraria (Monila) Standl.	Cucurbitaceae
Pui	Basella alba L.	Basellaceae
Rangalu	Ipomoea batatas (L.) Lam.	Convolvulaceae
Sabuj -Sad Sak	Amaranthus blitum L.	Amaranthaceae
Sasa	Cucumis sativus L.	Cucurbitaceae
Siter Kumra	Cucurbita maxima Duchsshe	Cucurbitaceae
Ucche	Momordic acharantia	Cucurbitaceae

Table 3. Leafy vegetables and associated vegetables of villagers in and around home garden

Local Name	Scientific Name	Family
Betho sak	Melilotus alba Desr.	Fabaceae
Chikuni sak	Polygonum plebeium R. Brown	Polygonaceae
Ghoragime sak	Alternanthera sessilis (L.) R. Br. ex DC.	Amaranthaceae
Gime sak	Glinus oppositifolius (L.) Aug. DC.	Aizoaceae
Hinche sak	Enhydra fluctuans Lour.	Asteraceae
Kala mocha	Musa paradisiaca L.	Musaceae
Kala thore	Musa bulbisiana Colla	Musaceae
Kalmi sak	Ipomoea aquatic Forsk.	Convolvulaceae
Kulekhara sak	Asteracantha longifolia Nees	Acanthaceae
Kundli sak	Coccinia cordifolia (L.) Voigt	Cucurbitaceae
Lau sak	Lagenarira siceraria (Monila) Standl.	Cucurbitaceae
Nona sak	Portulaca quadrifida L.	Portulacaceae

Palank sal	Spinacia oleracea L	Chenopodiaceae
Piring sak	Trigonella foenum-graecum L.	Apiaceae
Piyaj Koli	Allium cepa L.	Liliaceae
Sajne sak	Moringa oleifera Lam	Moringaceae
Susni sak	Marsilea quadrifolia L.	Marseliaceae
Tentul sak	Tamarindus indic L.	Caesalpiniaceae
Thankuni sak	Centella asiatica (L.) Urban	Apiaceae

Table 4. Medicinal plants used to remedy the common problems in village as ready source

Local Name	Scientific Name	Family
Ayapan	Eupatorium ayapana Vent.	Asteraceae
Banyalata	Mikania micrantha Kunth.	Asteraceae
Basak	Adhatoda vasica Nees	Acanthaceae
Chikuni sak	Polygonum plebeium R. Br.	Polygonaceae
Gadda phul	Tagetes patula L.	Asteraceae
Gandal Pata	Paederia foetida L.	Rubiaceae
Gime sak	Glinus oppositifolius (L.) Aug. DC.	Aizoaceae
Hinche sak	Enhydra fluctuans Lour.	Asteraceae
Jhinge lata	Luffa acutangula L.	Cucurbitaceae
Karela sak	Momordica charantia L. (Indian variety)	Cucurbitaceae
Kuksima pata	Blumea lacera (Burm. f.) DC.	Asteraceae
Kundri lata	Coccinia grandis (L.) Voigt	Cucurbitaceae
Musakani	Hemigraphis hirta (Vahl) T. Anders.	Acanthaceae
Nagdona pata	Artemisia vulgaris L.	Asteraceae
Nim Kuri	Azadirachta indica A. Juss.	Meliaceae
Rangalu pata	Ipomoea batatas L.	Convolvulaceae

Sajne pata	Moringa oleifera	Morngiaceae
Sasa gach	Cucumis sativus L.	Cucurbitaceae
Teto kundri/Telakucha	Cephalendra indica Noudin	Cucurbitaceae
Thankuni pata	Centella asiatica (L.) Urban	Apiaceae
Tulsi pata	Ocimum sanctum L.	Lamiaceae

Table 5. Aquatic plants used for different purposes in village

Local Name	Sc. Name	Family
Hinche	Enhydra fluctuans Lour.	Asteraceae
Kule khara	Asteracantha longifolia (L.) Nees	Acanthaceae
Lal saluki	Nymphaea rubra Roxb. ex Salisb. Syn. =N. lotus L.	Nymphaeaceae
Nil salauk	Nymphaea nouchali Burm. f.	Nymphaeaceae
Padma	Nelumbo nucifera Gaertn.	Nymphaeaceae
Panikola	Ottelia alismoides (L.) Pers.	Hydrocharitaceae
Sada saluk (Sapla)	Nymphaea pubescens Willd. Syn.=N. alba L.	Nymphaeaceae

Table 6. Plants get timber and fuel to the people including economy during emergency rise

Local Name	Scientific Name	Family
Aam	Mangifera indica L.	Anacardiaceae
Akashmoni	Acacia auriculiformis A. Cunn. ex Benth.	Mimosaceae
Arjun	Terminalia arjuna (Roxb.) W & A	Combretaceae
Bakul	Mimusops elengi L.	Sapptaceae
Barun	Crataeva religiosa G. Forst.	Capparaceae
Bel	Aegle marmelos (L.) Correa	Rutaceae
Eucalyptus	Eucalyptus longifolia Link. & Otto	Myrtaceae
Gamhar	Gmelina arborea	Verbenaceae

	Roxb. ex Sm.	
Goldmohar	Delonix regia (Bojer ex Hook.) Raf.	Caesalpiniaceae
Habol	Thespesia populnea (L.) Soland. ex Correa	Malvaceae
Haldephul	Peltophorum ferrugineum (Decne.) Benth.	Caesalpiniaceae
Jam	Eugenia cumini (L.) Druce	Myrtaceae
Kanchan	Bauhinia purpurea L.	Caesalpiniaceae
Kanthal	Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam	Moraceae
Karanja	Pongamia pinnata (L.) Pierre	Fabaceae
Khiris	Samanea asaman (Jacq.) Merr.	Mimosaceae
Kichmichi	Inga dulcis (Roxb.) Willd.	Mimosaceae
Lal Simul	Bombax ceiba L.	Bombacaceae
Mehagony	Swietenia macrophylla King	Meliaceae
Nim	Azadirachta indica A. Juss.	Meliaceae
Sad simul	Ceiba pentandra (L.) Gaertn.	Bombacaceae
Sapeda	Manilkara achras (Mill.) Fosberg	Sapotaceae
Segun	Tectona grandis L. f.	Verbenaceae
Siris	Albizia lebbeck (L.) Benth.	Mimosaceae
Sissoo	Dalbergia sissoo Roxb.	Fabaceae
Sonalu	Cassia fistula L.	Caesalpiniaceae
Subabul	Leucaena leucocephala(Lam.) de Wit.	Mimosaceae
Tentul	Tamarindus indica L.	Caesalpiniaceae

Table 7. Plants used as source of fodder and food during drought and flood

Local Name	Scientific Name	Family
Allu	Solanum tuberosum L.	Solanaceae
Badhakopi	Brassica oleracea L. var. Capitata L.	Brassicaceae
Bambusa	Bambusa balcooa Roxb.	Poaceae
Bambusa	Bambusa tulda Roxb.	Poaceae

Beet	Beta vulgaris L.	Chenopodiaceae	Mula	Raphanus sativa L. (Raphanus raphanistrum var. sativus (L.) G. Beck)	Brassicaceae
Boital	Cucurbita maxima Duch.	Cucurbitaceae	Oplismenus	Oplismenus burmanii (Retz.) P. Beauv.	Poaceae
Cephalendra	Cephalendra indica (Wight & Arn.) Naudin	Cucurbitaceae	Oryza	Oryza rufipogon Griff.	Poaceae
Chalkumra	Bebincasa hispida (Thunb.) Cogn.	Cucurbitaceae	Oryza	Oryza sativa L.	Poaceae
Chichinga	Trichosanthes cucumerina var. Anguna (L.) Haines	Cucurbitaceae	Paspalidum	Paspalidum flavidum (Retz.) A. Camus	Poaceae
Chloris gyana	Chloris gayana Kunth	Poaceae	Paspalum	Paspalum scrobiculatum L.	Poaceae
Chola	Cicer arietinum L.	Fabaceae	Peninsetum	Alopecurus typhoides Burm. f.	Poaceae
Cynodon	Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers.	Poaceae	Roetboelia	Rotboellia cochinchinensis (Lour.) Clayton	Poaceae
Cyperus ro	Cyperus rotundus L.	Cyperaceae	Sasa	Cucumis sativus L.	Cucurbitaceae
Echinochloa	Echinochloa colona (L.) Link	Poaceae	Sona Mug/	Phaseolus radiates L.	Fabaceae
Eleusine	Eleusine indica (L.) Gaertn.	Poaceae	Tarmuz	Citrulus vulgaris Schrad.	Cucurbitaceae
Eragrostis	Eragrostis tenella (L.) P. Beauv.	Poaceae			
Fimbristylis	Fimbristylis miliacea (L.) Vahl	Cyperaceae			
Fulkopi	Brassica oleracea var. botrytis L.	Brassicaceae			
Futik	Cucumis melo L.	Cucurbitaceae			
Gajar	Daucus carota L.	Apiaceae			
Halud	Curcuma longa L.	Zingiberaceae			
Hejal	Barringtonia acutangula Gaertn.	Lecythidaceae			
Kalmi	Ipomoea aquatic Forssk.	Convolvulaceae			
Maskalai	Phaseolus mungo (L.) Masam.	Fabaceae			
Kyllinga	Kyllinga monocephala Rottb.	Cyperaceae			
Lachryma	Coix lacryma-jobi L.	Poaceae			
Lau	Lagenaria siceraria (Monila) Standl.	Cucurbitaceae			
Leersia	Leersia hexandra Sw.	Poaceae			
Mator	Pisum sativum L.	Fabaceae			
Melothria	Melothria heterophylla (Lour.) Cogn.	Cucurbitaceae			
Mikania	Mikania micrantha Kunth	Asteraceae			
Mokolli	Alysicarpus vaginalis (L.) DC.	Fabaceae			
Mouri	Foeniculum vulgare Mill.	Apiaceae			

Table 8. Species, genera and family used in various purposes in Village premises

TABLE NO.	Species	Genera	Family
Table 1	26	25	17
Table 2	16	13	7
Table 3	19	18	16
Table 4	21	21	11
Table 5	7	5	4
Table 6	28	28	14
Table 7	45	41	12

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. Bamboo stick used to prepare local fishing stuff



Figure 2. Peltophorum ferrugineum (Dence.) Benth. flowers (Naturalised)



Figure 5. Rouvolfia tetraphylla – a medicinal plant



Figure 3. Ool before plantation in home garden



Figure 6. Siren insect showing mimicry on Mahogany tree



Figure 4. Khamalu before plantation in home garden

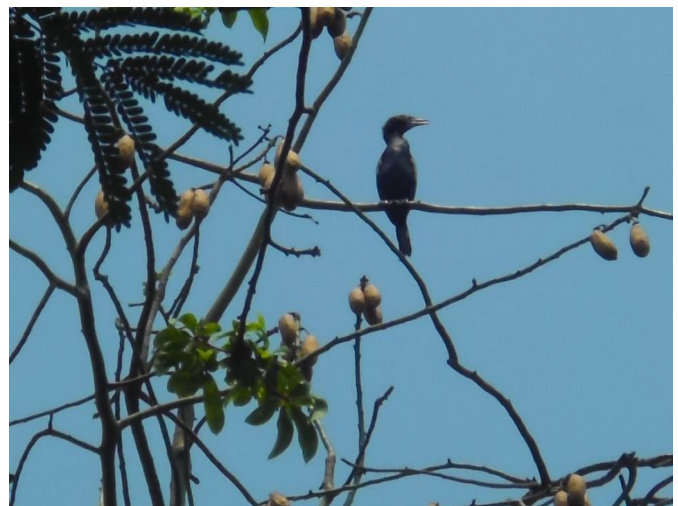


Figure 7. Little cormorant on Bombax pentandra (Sad Simul) tree



Figure 8. Jungle babbler on tamarind tree



Figure 11. Gold mohar flowers of Delonix regia (Boj. ex Hook.) Raf.



Figure 9. Karanja Tree and fruits a source of veg. oil and Cake



Figure 12. Neem tree with flowers and fruits



Figure 10. Hazel seedlings and flowers (Pink red) a source of tannin



Figure 13. Banyalata (Antibleeding plant)



Figure 14. Pink and mixed white sandhamoni (Mirabilis jalapa L.)



Figure 17. White Mirabilis in a plant (natural variant)



Figure 15. Mixed coloured Mirabilis (Natural genetic variation)



Figure 18. Fire ball, Foot Ball Lily or African Blood lily i.e. Scadoxus multiflorus (Martyn) Raf.



Figure 16. Pink and white Mirabilis (Varied genetic makeup in same plant)

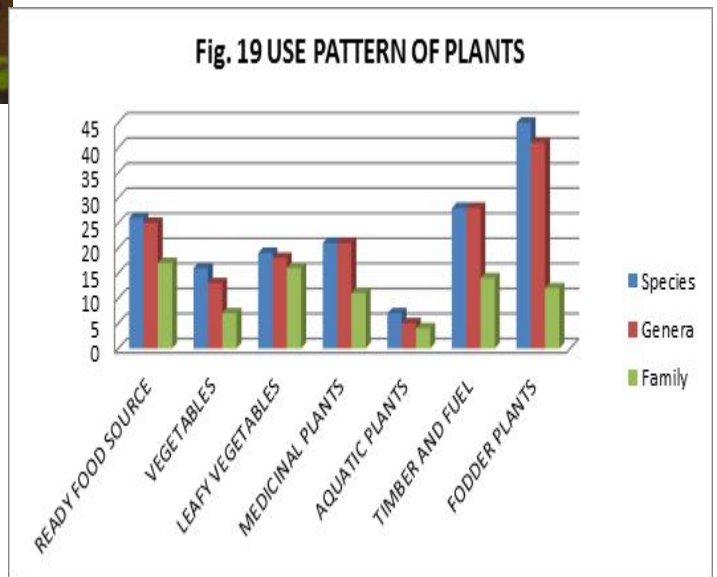


Figure 19. Plants of different types in Home gardens of Champak Roy Chack

IV. CONCLUSION

It is essential to recommend some comments towards conservation of Village Biodiversity. It is highly recommended that intrinsic value should be protected before the extrinsic value because each species has its own importance in an ecosystem nay, in an environment, that might be protected to protect of heritage and culture time to time as we protect our offspring in a sequential way even protect our intrinsic knowledge through transfer of knowledge from one to next generation. Similarly we should be kind hearted to each and individual i.e. from micro level to mega level to protect the natural environment though we are creating a new environment day by day. The inspiration and holistic approach should be transferred from base level to higher to protect the village based biodiversity to protect our resource and virtually to transfer the same to other villagers of nearby village. It would protect the local flora, fauna and even the ecosystem in a scientific way and become more knowledgeable in compare to the others in the modern day society. Economic balance and ecological sustenance would automatically will rise which would convey the ecosystem balance between resource and habitats for our sustenance.

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