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# **MEDICINAL PLANTS OF KARUVANNUR RIVER BASIN, THRISSUR DISTRICT, KERALA**

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## **Introduction and objectives**

The present investigation was undertaken to evaluate the current status of the medicinal plant diversity in Karuvannur River basin, Thrissur district, Kerala. Biodiversity studies are valuable as a means of improving the structure and function of communities and understanding the overall ecological conditions.

## **Materials and methods**

The floristic investigation was conducted at Naduvazhrichale and Chelakadavu, in the Karuvannur River basin from December 2016 to May 2017. The plants were collected periodically and the photographs were taken. The plants were identified with the help of floras (Manilal and Sivarajan, 1982; Gamble and Fischer, 1915-1936). Important field observations of the plant parts used, local names and local uses were noted (Sivarajan and Balachandran, 1994; Warriar *et al.*, 1996).