

PLANT COMMUNITY STRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY PATTERNS IN CHATTOGRAM METROPOLITAN CITY OF BANGLADESH

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Abstract

The present study aims at investigating the vegetation in different sites of Chattogram metropolitan area following appropriate techniques. In order to enumerate the distribution of species, several diversity indices including Shannon-Winer Index, Pielou's Evenness and Simpson's Index were employed. A total of 645 species belonging to 414 genera under 120 families were documented from the studied area for the first time. Of these, 37 species (5.73%) are pteridophytes, 607 species (94.11%) are angiosperms and single representation of gymnosperm (0.16%). Among the recorded species, 384 are medicinal species belonging to 277 genera under 93 families. *Bacopa monnieri* is a dominant species in the forest area with some co-dominant species like *Eichhornia crassipes*, *Centella asiatica*, etc. Moreover, this study provides potential sources to the environmental planners, herbalists, ecologists, taxonomists, ethnobotanists, pharmacists, phytochemists and local administration that would help to plan for future green infrastructure and maintain ecosystem function providing long-term benefits for the city dwellers.

Introduction

Urban ecosystems, which offer many advantages including defenses against pollution and biodiversity preservation, are significantly influenced by plants. Urban ecosystem helps to conserve energy, to reduce urban heat island effect, to improve air and water quality, to conserve biodiversity and to sequester carbon level of a metropolitan city (Nowak *et al.*, 2006). In instant, urban forest is principal component of urban ecosystem that provide significant environmental benefits and services to the urban environment (1999). A healthy urban ecosystem also improves the quality of microclimate, which acts as an aid for quick recovery from illness by providing natural recreation services and reducing psychological stress, subsequently reduces health cost (McPherson *et al.*, 1997; Maco and McPherson, 2003). Environmental quality within urban areas is highly influenced by urban forest structure and composition (Jim and Chen, 2003; Zhao *et al.*, 2010). One such city is Chattogram. The Chattogram in Bangladesh is a densely populated city. In contrast, the city comprises of highly urbanized area, semi urbanized area with homestead vegetation, hilly urbanized area with scattered forest, semievergreen hilly forest and coastal vegetation along the coast of the Bay of Bengal. The natural heritage and floristic composition

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of Chattogram city attracted plant explorers and taxonomists from prehistoric times and provided a basis to conduct floristic research in that evergreen city (Anon, 2003; Uddin *et al.*, 2015). However, it is very unfortunate that Chattogram city is losing its beauty and biological heritage faster due to the rapid unplanned urbanization (Uddin *et al.*, 2015). Urbanization, the most concentrated and prompts human-driven factors that peril biodiversity as well as urban ecosystem (Kondratyeva *et al.*, 2019). The ecological balance of such type of city is very significant for nature and human being. Most importantly, plantation in planned way in Chattogram city may prevent soil erosion, reduce environmental pollution, reduce ever increasing temperature of a city area, increase rainfall and protect from natural disaster. Besides, such forest has huge aesthetic value, which could be an attraction for tourist from home and abroad. Therefore, this type forest is also source of traditional medicinal plants, which are source of raw materials of pharmaceutical industries in developed country in present era.

Previously, some partial and isolated works have been carried out in Chattogram city to understand floristic characters of the city. In instant, Uddin *et al.* (2015) conducted research on only tree species and Biswas *et al.* (2021) carried work on only Sulakbahar Ward of the city. Such research is neither complete nor might describe the entire floral scenario of such a big city. Nevertheless, these works carry significance that Chattogram city consist lots of floral diversity, which are yet to be discovered.

Documentation of traditional uses of the local plants used by local communities is very important to know local status of the plant diversity and medicinal plants along with their taxonomic and ecological status. This study aimed to record all types of plant species present in the Chattogram city since the literature studies are largely bereft on it. Therefore, present study intended to record the whole plant diversity of Chattogram city to know the total number of plant species as well as total number of medicinal plants species. We also aimed to know whether any threatened/rare species are there which are medicinally important to draw attention to the national policy makers for conservation those species. Alongside, we expect to record new species from the study areas, as many areas of the city remain unexplored yet. Overall, this research study intended to explore floral diversity, density, conservation status along with threats on floral diversity of the studied areas, which would be useful to develop long-term management plan. The goal of this study is to present the actual scenario of the plant diversity and to make this data available to the stakeholders to protect and preserve them by sustainable planning and management of the city for the current and future generations.

Materials and Methods

Study area

Chattogram is a densely populated city of Bangladesh. The city comprises of highly urbanized area, semi urbanized area with homestead vegetation, hilly urbanized area with scattered forest, semievergreen hilly forest and coastal vegetation along the coast of the Bay of Bengal. Chittagong City Corporation area 160.99 sq km, located in between 22°13' and 22°27' north latitudes and in between 91°40' and 91°53' east longitudes (Fig. 1). We selected some floral diversity rich areas of the Chattogram metropolitan area for extensive survey: Probortok Hill, CMC Hill, Gul pahar, Tigerpass hill, CRB hill, DC Hill, Batali Hill, Jilapi pahar, Omar ghoni MES college pahar, Hill of Biojith link Road, plantaion of Road side, Mothi jorna, Aam Bagan, Pahartali, CRW Hill, Dampara Hill, Marine Dribe, Bagh ghona hill, Zilaporishod Hill, Golam Miar Pahar, Joy pahar, Kanon Dhara residential Hill, war cematry, khatal Baghan hill and Khulshi Hill as study area. The fieldwork was conducted from April, 2021 to November, 2021.



Fig. 1. Map of Chittagong City (Source Google Map).

Sampling methods

Stratified random sampling method was used for survey of the vascular plants; each site was divided into tree zone based on topography (top, middle and bottom slope). A total of 300 plots were taken from 20 different areas and 5 plots from each zone. All habit types of plant population in each quadrat were recorded. The plot size and identification procedure follow according to methods describe at Rudra *et al.* (2021)

Identifying medicinal plants with their traditional knowledge and pharmaceutical uses

Identification of medicinal plant was done by consulting with experts, literature survey, online search, market survey and consulting with local herbalists. Pharmaceutical uses and important medicinal plants and their demand in pharmaceutical industries also determine by consulting with expert. Ethnomedicinal information was stored to our existing online database at mpbd.cu.ac.bd.

Quantitative framework

Diversity Indices and phytosociological attributes were calculated for all the plots of Chattogram metropolitan area by using Primer V6 software. Major phytosociological attributes like relative density, relative frequency, relative abundance, and importance value index including Shannon-Wiener's diversity index, Simpson's diversity index, and species evenness index were calculated followed by appropriate formula (Table 1). Voucher specimen were prepared following standard herbarium technique and preserved at Chittagong University Herbarium with accession number for further investigation.

Table 1. Statistical formula for phytosociological characteristics determinants and diversity indices.

Attributes	Equations	Citations	Variable interpretation
Frequency (x)	$x = \frac{c}{b}$	(Rudra <i>et al.</i> , 2021)	a= Number of members of a certain species in each plot
Abundance (y)	$y = \frac{a}{c}$	(Rudra <i>et al.</i> , 2021)	b = the total number of plots examined
Relative density (RD)	$RD = \frac{n}{N} \times 100$	(Dallmeier, 1992)	c=total number of plots where the species is found.
Relative frequency (RF)	$RF = \frac{xi}{\sum xi} \times 100$	(Dallmeier, 1992)	n=A species' population size is in number
Relative abundance (RA)	$RA = \frac{yi}{\sum yi} \times 100$	(Shukla and Chandel, 2000)	N=total number of individuals of all the species
Importance value index (IVI)	$IVI = RD + RF + RA$	(Rudra <i>et al.</i> , 2021)	P = n/N
Shannon-weiner diversity index (H)	$H = - \sum Pi (\ln Pi)$	(Hill, 1973)	S = total number of species
Simpson diversity index (D)	$D = \sum Pi^2$	(Colwell, 2014)	

Result and Discussion

Plant Diversity with status of occurrence

This study has explored the occurrence of 645 vascular plant species belonging to 414 genera under 120 families from Chattogram Metropolitan area which was consistent with other study at different forest area in Bangladesh (Heinig, 1925; Rahman and Uddin, 1997; Dey *et al.*, 1999; Tutul *et al.*, 2010; Uddin *et al.*, 2017; Rashid *et al.*, 2018; Chowdhury *et al.*, 2019; Hossain *et al.*, 2020; Rudra *et al.*, 2021) and higher than the other study of different metropolitan area and other side in Bangladesh (Akber *et al.*, 2011; Rahman, 2013; Uddin *et al.*, 2015; Dutta *et al.*, 2015; Rahman *et al.*, 2016; Jaman *et al.*, 2017; Islam *et al.*, 2021). The documented plants species from the study area are summarized in Table 2 along with family, scientific name, local name, habit, medicinal/non-medicinal, the Importance Value Index (IVI), accession number with conservation status. Out of the recorded species, 37(5.73%) are pteridophytes, 01(0.16%) are gymnosperms and rest of 607 (94.11%) are angiosperms i.e Magnoliopsida and Liliopsida (Table 2). In this study, the pteridopytic flora revealed the occurrence of 37 (5.73%) species under 31 genera and 13 families. On the other hand, out of the recorded angiospermic plant, dicotyledons (Magnoliopsida) has been represented by 453 (70.23%) species belonging to 281 genera under 86 families, whereas the monocotyledons (Liliopsida) group occupied 154 (23.88%) species under 97 genera and 20 families (Table 2). However, this finding is different from other reports (Hossain *et al.*, 2013; Rudra *et al.*, 2021; Nahar *et al.*, 2016)

Table 2. Comprehensive checklist of plant diversity recorded from Chattogram Metropolitan area.

Family	Scientific name	Local Name	Habit	MV	IVI	Acqn. No	Status of Occurrence
Acanthaceae	<i>Acanthus ilicifolius</i> L.	Hargoza	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 010	LC
	<i>Andropogon paniculata</i> (Burm.f.) Wall. ex Nees	Kalomegh	Herb	M	0.69	SUF 058	NE
	<i>Asystasia gangetica</i> (L.) T. Anderson	Gangatara	Herb	NM	0.73	SUF 081	NE
	<i>Barleria lupulina</i> Lindl	Bishalla	Shrub	M	0.09	SUF 090	NE
	<i>Justicia adhatoda</i> L.	Basak	Shrub	M	0.13	SUF 354	NE
	<i>Justicia punctuana</i> Wall.	Pandu basak	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 355	NE
	<i>Lepidagathis incurva</i> Buch. -Ham. ex D. Don	Karogathis	Herb	NM	0.32	SUF 368	NE
	<i>Lepidagathis linearis</i> T. Anderson	Lambugathis	Herb	NM	0.36	SUF 369	NE
	<i>Rungia pectinata</i> (L.) Nees	Pindi	Herb	NM	0.48	SUF 523	NE
	<i>Thunbergia alata</i> Bojer ex Sims	Ghontolata	Climber	NM	0.14	SUF 608	NE
	<i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i> (Roxb. ex Rottl.) Roxb.	Neel lata	Shrub	M	0.25	SUF 609	NE
	<i>Saurauia roxburgii</i> Wall.	Dalup	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 531	LC
	<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i> L.	Venichadda	Herb	M	0.57	SUF 018	LC
	<i>Adiantum philippense</i> L.	Kalijhat	Herb	M	1.03	SUF 021	NE
Actinidiaceae	<i>Adiantum caudatum</i> L.	Biddapata	Herb	M	0.81	SUF 019	NE
	<i>Adiantum flabellatum</i> L.	China pakha	Herb	NM	0.75	SUF 020	NE
	<i>Adiantum tenerum</i> Sw.	Halka pakha	Herb	M	0.82	SUF 022	NE
	<i>Agave americana</i> L.	Agakana	Herb	NM	0.51	SUF 024	LC
	<i>Dracaena angustifolia</i> (Medik.) Roxb	Chikna drakan	Shrub	NM	0.34	SUF 247	NE
	<i>Dracaena elliptica</i> Thunb. & Dalm.	Lamba drakan.	Herb	NM	0.47	SUF 248	LC
	<i>Furcraea foetida</i> (L.) Haw	Gandhohemp	Herb	NM	0.56	SUF 300	NE
	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i> Prain	Sapahara	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 527	NE
	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i> L.	Apang	Herb	M	0.85	SUF 011	NE
	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i> (Mart.) Griseb.	Helencia, Hinchashak, Harahcho	Herb	NM	0.92	SUF 046	NE
	<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i> (L.) R.Br. ex DC.	Hatcha	Herb	M	0.58	SUF 047	LC
	<i>Amaranthus spinosus</i> L.	Kantanotey	Herb	M	0.96	SUF 048	NE
	<i>Amaranthus tricolor</i> L.	Notey shak	Herb	M	0.86	SUF 049	NE
	<i>Amaranthus viridis</i> L.	Notey	Herb	M	1.15	SUF 050	NE

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Amaryllidaceae	<i>Gomphrena globosa</i> L.	Botam phul	Herb	NM	0.33	SUF 309	NE
	<i>Hymenocallis littoralis</i> (Jacq.) Salisb	Upakallis	Herb	NM	1.35	SUF 334	NE
Anacardiaceae	<i>Holigarna longifolia</i> Buch.-Ham. ex Roxb	Barola	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 327	NE
	<i>Lannea coromandelica</i> (Houtt.) Merr	Bhadi	Tree	M	0.35	SUF 362	LC
	<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	Aam	Tree	M	0.73	SUF 404	DD
	<i>Mangifera sylvatica</i> Roxb	Jongliam	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 405	LC
	<i>Spondias pinnata</i> (L.f.) Kurz	Amra	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 570	NE
	<i>Spondias purpurea</i> L.	Deshi amra, Amra.	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 571	LC
	<i>Annona reticulata</i> L.	Nona ata	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 061	LC
	<i>Annona squamosa</i> L.	Ata	Tree	M	0.62	SUF 062	LC
	<i>Desmos chinensis</i> Lour	Sotoyalang	Shrub	M	0.21	SUF 223	NE
	<i>Polyalthia longifolia</i> (Sonn.) Thwaites	Debdaru	Tree	M	0.69	SUF 486	NE
Anthocerotaceae	<i>Anthoceros crispulus</i> (Mont.) Douin	Unknown	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 064	NE
Apiaceae	<i>Centella asiatica</i> (L.) Urban	Thankuni	Herb	M	2.17	SUF 131	LC
Apocynaceae	<i>Allamanda cathartica</i> L.	Kalkephul	Shrub	M	0.46	SUF 035	NE
	<i>Alstonia nerifolia</i> D.Don	Soto chhatim	Tree	NM	0.35	SUF 044	NE
	<i>Alstonia scholaris</i> (L.) R.Br.	Chattim	Tree	M	0.65	SUF 045	LC
	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> (L.) G.Don	Nayan tara	Herb	M	0.35	SUF 130	NE
	<i>Holarrhena anti dysenterica</i> (Roxb. ex Fleming) Wall. ex A.DC.	Kuruj	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 325	NE
	<i>Holarrhena pubescens</i> Wall. ex G.Don	Kuruj	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 326	LC
	<i>Ichnocarpus frutescens</i> (L.) R.Br.	Shamlata	Climber	M	0.13	SUF 338	NE
	<i>Nerium oleander</i> L.	Rakta karabi	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 441	LC
	<i>Plumeria alba</i> L.	Kat golap	Tree	M	0.50	SUF 481	NE
	<i>Plumeria rubra</i> L.	Kat golap	Tree	M	0.50	SUF 482	LC
	<i>Rauwolfia tetraphylla</i> L.	Chata swarpagandha	Shrub	M	0.16	SUF 513	NE
	<i>Tabernaemontana abbreviata</i> (J.F.Morales) A.O.Simões & M.E.Endress	Togarpul	Shrub	M	0.56	SUF 594	NE
	<i>Thevetia peruviana</i> (Pers.) K.Schum	Kolkeful	Tree	M	0.54	SUF 606	NE
	<i>Wrightia arborea</i> (Dennst.) Mabb.	Dudh-kuruch	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 637	LC
	Araceae	<i>Aglaonema costatum</i> N.E.Br	Nemacos	Herb	NM	0.25	SUF 026
<i>Aglaonema hookerianum</i> Schott		Nimahook	Herb	M	0.25	SUF 027	NE

Species and voucher	Local name	Parts used	Diseases to be treated	Mode of application
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> L. Fam.: Malvaceae; LS 25 (DUSH)	Roktojoba	Flower	Dysentery	Flower juice is given in empty stomach twice a day for 4-5 days.
<i>Justicia adhatoda</i> L. Fam.: Acanthaceae; LS 26 (DUSH)	Basak	Leaves	Phlegm-catarth	One table spoon of leaf juice is taken in the morning twice a day for one week.
<i>Justicia gendarussa</i> Burm. f. Fam.: Acanthaceae; LS 27 (DUSH)	Nokhkata	Leaves	To stop bleeding	4-5 smashed leaves are applied on the wound.
<i>Kalanchoe pinnata</i> (Lamk.) Pers. Fam.: Crassulaceae; LS 28 (DUSH)	Pathorkuchi	Leaves	Kidney stone	One teaspoon of leaf juice is taken 4-5 days in a month.
<i>Lens culinaris</i> Medik. Fam.: Fabaceae; LS 29 (DUSH)	Moshur dal	Seed	Dandruff	Overnight soaked water of lentil is applied 3-4 days in a week until recovery.
<i>Leucas lavandulifolia</i> Sm. Fam.: Lamiaceae; LS 30 (DUSH)	Dondokolosh	Leaves	Rheumatism	Cooked leaves after eaten 4-5 days in a month.
<i>Litsea glutinosa</i> (Lour.) Rob. Fam.: Lauraceae; LS 31 (DUSH)	Kharajora	Leaves	Weakness, gastrointestinal problems, fever	Leaf juice is taken in empty stomach twice a week for one month.
<i>Mangifera indica</i> Lamk. Fam.: Anacardiaceae; LS 32 (DUSH)	Aam	Peel of fruit	Body weakness	Juice of peel of fruit is taken daily in the morning in empty stomach for a month.
<i>Mimosa pudica</i> L. Fam.: Mimosaceae; LS 33 (DUSH)	Lojjaboti	Whole plant	Chicken pox	The smashed plant is taken by the uninfected people as a preventive agent.
<i>Moringa oleifera</i> Lamk. Fam.: Moringaceae; LS 34 (DUSH)	Shojna, hasina	Leaves	Cancer, leukaemia	Leaf juice is taken 3 times a day till the body regains its immunity.
<i>Musa sapientum</i> L. Fam.: Musaceae; LS 35 (DUSH)	Kola	Banana Flower	Diabetes	Curry of banana flower is eaten 2-3 days in a week.
<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) Bosser Fam.: Rubiaceae; LS 36 (DUSH)	Kodom	Flower bud	Gastric trouble	Bud with a pinch of salt is eaten every morning for 3 days.
<i>Peperomia palluctida</i> (L.) Kunth Fam.: Peperomiaceae; LS 37 (DUSH)	Luchipata	Leaves	Tinea or ringworm	Juice of some leaves applied on the infected portion 3-4 days in a week until recovery.
<i>Piper betel</i> L. Fam.: Piperaceae; LS 38 (DUSH)	Paan	Leaf petiole	Burning of centipedes	Juice of petiole is applied on the burnt portion by centipede for 3 days.
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L. Fam.: Fabaceae; LS 39 (DUSH)	Shim	Leaves	Tinea	Smashed leaves with a pinch of salt are applied once a day until recovery.

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	<i>Arenga pinnata</i> (Wurmb) Merr.	Chini tal	Herb	NM	0.31	SUF 073	NE
	<i>Borassus flabellifer</i> L.	Tal	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 099	NE
	<i>Calamus floribundus</i> Griff.	Fulibet	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 117	NE
	<i>Calamus guruba</i> Buch.-Ham.	Jalibet	Climber	NM	0.21	SUF 118	NE
	<i>Calamus latifolius</i> Roxb.	Kerakbet	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 119	NE
	<i>Calamus tenuis</i> Roxb	Bet	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 120	LC
	<i>Caryota mitis</i> Lour.	Mithagota	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 127	LC
	<i>Cocos nucifera</i> L.	Narikel	Herb	M	0.69	SUF 158	NE
	<i>Didymosperma gracilis</i> Hook.f.	Gracifuli	Herb	NM	0.28	SUF 226	NE
	<i>Dyopsis lutescens</i> (H.Wendl.) Beenje & J.Dransf	Holdley bet	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 253	NT
	<i>Livistona chinensis</i> (Jacq.) R.Br. ex Mart	China tokopata	Herb	NM	0.36	SUF 387	NE
	<i>Phoenix sylvestris</i> (L.) Roxb.	Khajur	Herb	M	1.09	SUF 469	NE
	<i>Psychosperma macarthurii</i> (H.Wendl. ex H.J. Veitch) H.Wendl. ex Hook.f	Arhtiar plam	Herb	NM	0.49	SUF 503	NE
	<i>Roystonea oleracea</i> (Jacq.) O.F.Cook	Royal palm	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 521	NE
Asclepiadaceae	<i>Asclepias curassavica</i> L.	Kakturi	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 077	NE
	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i> (L.) Ait.f	Akanda	Shrub	M	0.09	SUF 123	NE
	<i>Hoya parasitica</i> (Roxb.) Wall. ex Wight	Serapatahoya, Chera pata (Raj-Khul).	Epiphytes	M	0.21	SUF 331	NE
Aspleniaceae	<i>Asplenium aethiopicum</i> (Burm.f.) Bech. splenium unilaterale Lam.	Ethio aspleen	Herb	NM	0.35	SUF 079	NE
	<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> (L.) L.	Beki aspleen	Herb	NM	0.43	SUF 569	NE
Asteraceae	<i>Blumea lacera</i> (Burm.f.) DC	Fulkuri	Herb	M	0.64	SUF 025	NE
	<i>Chromolaena odorata</i> (L.) R.M.King & H.Rob	Kuksunga	Herb	M	0.80	SUF 096	NE
	<i>Crassocephalum crepidioides</i> (Benth.) S.Moore	Assamlata	Herb	M	1.20	SUF 139	NE
	<i>Cyanthillium patulum</i> (Dryand. ex Dryand.) H.Rob	Duubbecrepi kukshim	Herb	M	0.77	SUF 174	NE
	<i>Cynoglossum lanceolatum</i> Forssk. subsp. Lanceolatum	Kukurgibba	Herb	NM	0.26	SUF 192	NE
	<i>Eclipta prostrata</i> (L.) L.	Kalokeshi	Herb	NM	1.35	SUF 256	LC
	<i>Emilia sonchifolia</i> (L.) DC. ex DC	Sadimudi	Herb	M	1.16	SUF 264	NE
	<i>Enhydra fluctuans</i> Lour	Helenchu	Herb	NM	0.76	SUF 265	NE
	<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	Surjomukhi	Herb	NM	0.47	SUF 316	LC
	<i>Mikania micrantha</i> Kunth	Toofainna lata	Climber	M	0.65	SUF 420	NE

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	<i>Spilanthes acnella</i> (L.) L.	Marhattitiga	Herb	M	1.55	SUF 568	NE
	<i>Synedrella nodiflora</i> (L.) Gaertn	Relanodi	Herb	M	1.31	SUF 582	NE
	<i>Tagetes erecta</i> L	Gendaphul	Herb	M	0.34	SUF 596	NE
	<i>Tagetes patula</i> L	Petagenda	Herb	NM	0.36	SUF 597	NE
	<i>Tridax procumbens</i> (L.) L	Tridhara	Herb	M	0.32	SUF 622	NE
	<i>Vernonia extensa</i> (Wall.) DC.	Saravamon	Herb	NM	0.23	SUF 628	NE
	<i>Vernonia patula</i> (Dryand.) Merr.	Shialmutra, Sada Debi.	Herb	M	0.33	SUF 629	NE
	<i>Wedelia montana</i> (Blume) Boerl.	Wadella	Herb	M	1.23	SUF 634	NE
	<i>Xanthium indicum</i> J.König. ex Roxb	Ghagra	Herb	M	0.29	SUF 638	NE
Bignoniaceae	<i>Fernandoa adenophylla</i> (Wall. ex G.Don) Steenis	Dakrum	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 279	NE
	<i>Oroxylum indicum</i> (L.) Kurz	Thona	Tree	M	0.43	SUF 451	NE
	<i>Stereospermum colais</i> (Buch.-Ham. ex Dillw) Mabb	Dharmara	Tree	M	0.50	SUF 575	NE
	<i>Stereospermum suaveolens</i> (Roxb.) DC	Parul	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 576	NE
Bombacaceae	<i>Bombax ceiba</i> L.	Simul	Tree	M	0.58	SUF 097	LC
	<i>Bombax insignis</i> Wall.	Bon shimul	Tree	M	0.47	SUF 098	NE
Boraginaceae	<i>Ehretia acuminata</i> R.Br.	Punia, Panyam konda.	Tree	NM	0.28	SUF 257	LC
	<i>Ehretia serrata</i> Roxb	Kalahuja	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 258	NE
	<i>Heliotropium indicum</i> L.	Hatishur	Herb	M	1.08	SUF 319	NE
Brassicaceae	<i>Brassica campestris</i> L.	Sarisa	Herb	M	0.47	SUF 106	NE
	<i>Rorippa indica</i> (L.) Hiern	Bansarisha	Herb	M	0.33	SUF 519	NE
Bromeliaceae	<i>Ananas comosus</i> (L.) Merr.	Anaros	Herb	NM	0.47	SUF 057	NE
Burseraceae	<i>Protium serratum</i> (Wall. ex Coelbr.) Engl	Heru	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 495	NE
Cactaceae	<i>Hylocereus undatus</i> (Haworth) Britton & Rose	Dragon fal	Herb	NM	0.14	SUF 333	DD
	<i>Opuntia dellenii</i> Haw	Fontmanasa	Shrub	NM	0.09	SUF 449	NE
Caesalpinaceae	<i>Bauhinia acuminata</i> L.	Sada kanchan	Shrub	M	0.28	SUF 092	LC
	<i>Bauhinia malabarica</i> Roxb.	Karmi, Ban-kanchan.	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 093	LC
	<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i> L.	Debkanchan	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 094	LC
	<i>Caesalpinia bonduc</i> (L.) Roxb.	Natai	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 112	LC
	<i>Caesalpinia digyna</i> Rottler	Kochoi	Climber	M	0.12	SUF 113	NE
	<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i> (L.) Sw.	Radhachura	Tree	M	0.35	SUF 114	LC
	<i>Cassia fistula</i> L.	Shonalu	Tree	M	0.50	SUF 128	LC

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	<i>Delonix regia</i> (Hook.) Raf.	Krishnachura	Tree	M	0.58	SUF 210	LC
	<i>Saraca asoca</i> (Roxb.) Willd	Asok	Tree	M	0.28	SUF 529	VU
	<i>Senna alata</i> (L.) Roxb.	Dadmardhan	Shrub	M	0.09	SUF 539	LC
	<i>Senna hirsuta</i> (L.) H.S.Irwin & Barneby	Gandhosena	Herb	M	0.57	SUF 540	NE
	<i>Senna obtusifolia</i> (L.) H.S.Irwin & Barneby	Bhotasena	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 541	LC
	<i>Senna occidentalis</i> Roxb.	Oksisena	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 542	NE
	<i>Senna siamea</i> (Lam.) H.S.Irwin & Barneby	Minjiri	Tree	M	0.58	SUF 543	LC
	<i>Senna sophera</i> (L.) Roxb	Kalkeshunda	Shrub	M	0.21	SUF 544	NE
	<i>Senna tora</i> (L.) Roxb	Terasena	Herb	M	1.37	SUF 545	NE
	<i>Tamarindus indica</i> L.	Tentul	Tree	M	0.43	SUF 598	LC
Camabaceae	<i>Canna indica</i> L.	Kolabati	Herb	M	0.37	SUF 124	NE
Capparaceae	<i>Cleome diffusa</i> Banks ex DC.	Sarabati.	Herb	NM	0.47	SUF 149	NE
	<i>Cleome rutidosperma</i> DC.	Begunehurhurey	Herb	NM	1.25	SUF 150	NE
	<i>Cleome viscosa</i> L.	Atha hurhuria	Herb	M	1.35	SUF 151	NE
Caricaceae	<i>Cratogeomys magna</i> (Lour.) DC	Barun	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 175	NE
	<i>Carica papaya</i> L.	Pepe	Herb	M	1.12	SUF 126	DD
Caryophyllaceae	<i>Polycarpon prostratum</i> (Forssk.) Asch. & Schweinf	Gimashak	Herb	M	0.57	SUF 487	LC
Casuarinaceae	<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i> L.	Jhau	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 129	LC
Chenopodiaceae	<i>Chenopodium album</i> L.	Betoshok	Herb	NM	0.44	SUF 134	NE
Clusiaceae	<i>Mesua ferrea</i> L.	Nageshwar, Nagkesar	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 414	NE
Combretaceae	<i>Anogeissus lanceolata</i> (Wall. ex C.B.Clarke) Prain	Koshoi	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 063	NE
	<i>Combretum indicum</i> (L.) De Filippis	Madhabi Lata	Climber	NM	0.47	SUF 168	NE
	<i>Getonia floribunda</i> Roxb	Geton lata	Climber	M	0.44	SUF 302	NE
	<i>Quisqualis indica</i> L.	Basantilata	Climber	M	0.14	SUF 511	NE
	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i> (Roxb. ex DC.) Wight & Arn.	Arjun	Tree	M	0.47	SUF 602	NE
	<i>Terminalia bellirica</i> (Gaertn.) Roxb	Bohera, Boira	Tree	M	0.43	SUF 603	NE
	<i>Terminalia catappa</i> L.	Katbadam	Tree	M	0.69	SUF 604	LC
	<i>Terminalia chebula</i> (Gaertn.) Retz.	Horitoki	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 605	LC
Commelinaceae	<i>Amischotolype mollissima</i> (Blume) Hassk	Molisima	Herb	M	0.76	SUF 051	NE
	<i>Commelina benghalensis</i> L.	Dholpata	Herb	M	0.80	SUF 169	LC
	<i>Commelina diffusa</i> Burm.f.	Monayna kanshira	Herb	M	1.34	SUF 170	LC

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	<i>Floscopa scandens</i> Lour	Khara gaith	Herb	M	1.18	SUF 298	LC
	<i>Tradescantia pallida</i> (Rose) D.R.Hunt	Begunipindo	Herb	NM	0.27	SUF 615	NE
	<i>Tradescantia zebrina</i> Bosse	Zebripindo	Herb	NM	0.29	SUF 616	NE
	<i>Tradescantia spathacea</i> Sw.	Chamapindo	Herb	NM	0.34	SUF 617	NE
Convolvulaceae	<i>Evolvulus nummularius</i> (L.) L.	Bhuiokra	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 278	NE
	<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i> Forssk	Kalmi	Herb	M	0.32	SUF 339	LC
	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i> (L.) Poir	Misti alu	Climber	NM	0.09	SUF 340	DD
	<i>Ipomoea fistulosa</i> Mart. ex Choisy	Dholkalmi	Herb	NM	0.18	SUF 341	NE
	<i>Ipomoea obscura</i> (L.) Ker Gawl	Kura kalmi	Climber	M	0.14	SUF 342	NE
	<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> (L.) R.Br.	Chagol kuri kalmi	Climber	M	0.12	SUF 343	NE
	<i>Ipomoea pes-tigridis</i> L.	Langulata kalmi	Climber	NM	0.16	SUF 344	NE
	<i>Ipomoea quamoclit</i> L.	Torulata	Climber	NM	0.09	SUF 345	NE
Costaceae	<i>Merremia vitifolia</i> (Burm.f.) Hallier f	Kormolata	Climber	M	0.26	SUF 413	NE
	<i>Cheilocostus spectosus</i> (J.K.König) C.Specht	Banduki	Herb	M	1.12	SUF 133	LC
	<i>Costus spicatus</i>	Kemak	Herb	NM	0.37	SUF 173	NE
Crassulaceae	<i>Kalanchoe pinnata</i> (Lam.) Pers.	Kaphata	Herb	M	0.23	SUF 357	NE
Cucurbitaceae	<i>Coccinia grandis</i> (L.) Voigt	Telakucha	Shrub	M	0.61	SUF 157	NE
	<i>Momordica charantia</i> L.	Korolla	Climber	M	0.17	SUF 426	NE
	<i>Trichosanthes cucumerina</i> L.	Bon chichinga	Climber	NM	0.34	SUF 621	NE
Cupressaceae	<i>Thuja orientalis</i> L.	Thuja, Jhau.	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 607	NE
Cuscutaceae	<i>Cuscuta reflexa</i> Roxb.	Tarulata	Climber	M	0.13	SUF 185	NE
Cycadaceae	<i>Cycas pectinata</i> Buch.-Ham.	Nata cycas	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 188	VU
	<i>Actinoscirpus grossus</i> (L.f.) Goetgh. & D.A.Simpson	Shipra	Herb	M	0.47	SUF 016	NE
	<i>Cyperus compactus</i> Retz.	Bandorghasi	Herb	NM	0.31	SUF 193	LC
	<i>Cyperus corymbosus</i> Rottb.	Gola methi	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 194	NE
	<i>Cyperus difformis</i> L.	Behua ghasi	Herb	NM	0.44	SUF 195	LC
	<i>Cyperus digitatus</i> Roxb.	Hath ghasi	Herb	NM	0.60	SUF 196	LC
	<i>Cyperus exaltatus</i> Retz.	Tata gashi	Herb	NM	0.31	SUF 197	LC
	<i>Cyperus imbricatus</i> Retz	Barachucha ghas	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 198	LC
	<i>Cyperus iria</i> L.	Iri ghasi	Herb	M	1.34	SUF 199	NE
	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i> L.	Mutha	Herb	M	1.10	SUF 200	NE

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	<i>Cyperus kyllingiella</i> Larridon	Gothubi	Herb	NM	0.31	SUF 201	LC
	<i>Cyperus laxus</i> Lam.	Dhila ghasi	Herb	M	1.99	SUF 202	NE
	<i>Fimbristylis ovata</i> (Burm.f.) J.Kern	Marmari fimbry	Herb	NM	1.20	SUF 294	NE
	<i>Fimbristylis quinqueangularis</i> (Vahl) Kunth	Joyna	Herb	NM	1.49	SUF 295	LC
	<i>Kyllinga nemoralis</i> (J.R.Forst. & G.Forst.) Dandy ex Hutch. & Dalziel	Subasinirbisa	Herb	M	0.38	SUF 359	LC
Dennstaedtiaceae	<i>Microlepia spelancae</i> (L.) T.Moore	Fita dheki	Herb	NM	0.58	SUF 418	NE
Dilleniaceae	<i>Dillenia indica</i> L.	Chalta	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 233	LC
Dioscoreaceae	<i>Dioscorea alata</i> L.	Chupri alu	Climber	M	0.15	SUF 234	NE
	<i>Dioscorea belophylla</i> (Prain) Voigt ex Haines	Shora alu	Climber	M	0.30	SUF 235	NE
	<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i> L.	Banalu	Climber	M	0.23	SUF 236	NE
	<i>Dioscorea esculenta</i> (Lour.) Burkill	Maitta alu	Climber	NM	0.34	SUF 237	NE
	<i>Dioscorea pentaphylla</i> L.	Jum alu	Climber	M	0.28	SUF 238	NE
Dipterocarpaceae	<i>Dipterocarpus alatus</i> Roxb. ex G.Don	Garjan	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 243	VU
	<i>Dipterocarpus tuberculatus</i> Roxb	garjan	Tree	M	0.17	SUF 244	NT
	<i>Dipterocarpus turbinatus</i> Gaertn	Telia gorjan	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 245	VU
	<i>Hopea odorata</i> Roxb	Telsur	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 330	VU
	<i>Shorea robusta</i> Gaertner f.	Shal	Tree	M	0.17	SUF 549	LC
Dryopteridaceae	<i>Dryopteris chrysozona</i> (Christ) C.Chr	Kriso fern	Herb	NM	1.39	SUF 250	NE
	<i>Tectaria chattagranica</i> (C.B.Clarke) Ching	Chattagrami tari dheki	Herb	NM	0.26	SUF 599	NE
Ebenaceae	<i>Diospyros blancoi</i> A.DC	Beelati gab	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 239	NE
	<i>Diospyros malabarica</i> (Desr.) Kostel	Gab	Tree	M	0.47	SUF 240	NE
Elaeocarpaceae	<i>Elaeocarpus floribundus</i> Blume	Jalpai	Tree	M	0.69	SUF 260	NE
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Acalypha indica</i> L.	Muktajhuri	Herb	M	0.70	SUF 008	NE
	<i>Actephila excelsa</i> (Dalzell) Müll.Arg.	Lalsa	Shrub	M	0.12	SUF 014	LC
	<i>Antidesma velutinostum</i> Blume	Pashmi salishabuka	Shrub	M	0.12	SUF 065	NE
	<i>Aporosa octandra</i> (Buch.-Ham. ex D.Don) A.R.Vickery	Choto kechua	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 068	LC
	<i>Astraea lobata</i> (L.) Klotzsch	Aa-stu-neeey	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 080	NE
	<i>Bischofia javanica</i> Blume	Kanjai	Tree	M	0.39	SUF 095	LC
	<i>Breynia vitis-idaea</i> (Burm.f.) C.E.C.Fisch.	Vita salpoti	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 107	LC
	<i>Bridelia retusa</i> (L.) A.Juss	Kantokushi, Kamkoi, Kantakoi, Heza.	Tree	M	0.47	SUF 108	LC

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	<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i> (L.) Rumph. ex A.Juss.	Patabahar	Shrub	NM	0.16	SUF 159	LC
	<i>Croton bonplandianus</i> Baill	Bankhira	Herb	M	1.08	SUF 180	NE
	<i>Euphorbia cotinifolia</i> L.	Tamat	Shrub	NM	0.09	SUF 272	LC
	<i>Euphorbia hirta</i> L.	Ghaopata	Herb	M	1.25	SUF 273	NE
	<i>Euphorbia milii</i> Des Moul	Kata mukut	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 274	LC
	<i>Euphorbia nerifolia</i> L.	Kanta-manasa	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 275	LC
	<i>Euphorbia thymifolia</i> L.	Sweikerui	Herb	NM	0.32	SUF 276	NE
	<i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i> L.	Dudhia	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 277	LC
	<i>Flueggea virosa</i> (Roxb. ex Willd.) Royle	Khaukra	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 299	LC
	<i>Glochidion multilobulare</i> (Rottler ex Willd.) Voigt	Koishuma	Shrub	NM	0.21	SUF 305	NE
	<i>Jatropha aceroides</i> (Pax & K. Hoffm.) Hutch.	Lal bherenda	Shrub	M	0.09	SUF 351	NE
	<i>Jatropha curcas</i> L.	Bagh verenda	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 352	LC
	<i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i> L.	Lal bherenda	Shrub	M	0.16	SUF 353	NE
	<i>Macaranga denticulata</i> (Blume) Müll.Arg	Bura	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 395	LC
	<i>Macaranga peltata</i> (Roxb.) Müll.Arg	Pelta bura	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 396	NE
	<i>Mallotus nudiflorus</i> (L.) Kulju & Welzen	Medda	Tree	M	0.50	SUF 401	LC
	<i>Mallotus repandus</i> (Willd.) Müll.Arg	Gunti	Tree	NM	0.35	SUF 402	NE
	<i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz	Kasava	Shrub	M	0.22	SUF 406	NE
	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> L.	Amloki	Tree	M	0.62	SUF 470	LC
	<i>Phyllanthus niruri</i> L.	Vuamla	Herb	M	1.35	SUF 471	NE
	<i>Phyllanthus reitculanus</i> Poir	Chitki	Shrub	M	0.47	SUF 472	LC
	<i>Phyllanthus sikkimensis</i> Müll.Arg.	Sikimamla	Shrub	NM	0.09	SUF 473	NE
	<i>Ricinus communis</i> L.	Verenda	Shrub	M	0.47	SUF 518	NE
	<i>Suregada multiflora</i> (A.Juss.) Baill	Ban-naringa	Tree	M	0.17	SUF 580	NE
	<i>Tragia involucrata</i> L.	Bichuti	Herb	M	1.19	SUF 618	NE
	<i>Butea monosperma</i> (Lam.) Taub	Palas	Tree	M	0.65	SUF 110	LC
Fabaceae	<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.) Millsp	Arhar	Shrub	M	0.09	SUF 115	NE
	<i>Clitoria ternatea</i> L.	Aparajita	Climber	M	0.16	SUF 156	NE
	<i>Crotalaria juncea</i> L.	Shonpat	Herb	M	0.36	SUF 177	NE
	<i>Crotalaria pallida</i> Aiton	Jhunjhuni	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 178	NE
	<i>Crotalaria verrucosa</i> L.	Varu Jhanjhani	Herb	M	0.36	SUF 179	NE

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	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i> DC	Shishoo	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 206	LC
	<i>Dalbergia stipulacea</i> Roxb	Dadbari	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 207	LC
	<i>Dalbergia volubilis</i> Roxb	Ankilata	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 208	NE
	<i>Derris mitis</i> (L.) Kurz	Mithilata	Climber	M	0.09	SUF 213	NE
	<i>Derris trifoliata</i> Lour	Kalilata	Climber	M	0.18	SUF 214	NE
	<i>Desmodium concinnum</i> DC	Konsi modi	Shrub	NM	0.16	SUF 215	NE
	<i>Desmodium dichotomum</i> (Willd.) DC	Daghno modi	Herb	NM	0.35	SUF 216	NE
	<i>Desmodium gangeticum</i> (L.) DC	Chalan	Shrub	M	0.35	SUF 217	NE
	<i>Desmodium heterocarpon</i> (L.) DC.	Karpo modi.	Herb	M	0.32	SUF 218	NE
	<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i> (Willd.) DC	Bon-motorsuti	Shrub	NM	0.22	SUF 219	NE
	<i>Desmodium microphyllum</i> (Thunb.) DC	Choto modi	Shrub	NM	0.16	SUF 220	LC
	<i>Desmodium triflorum</i> (L.) DC	Kalaliya	Herb	M	0.89	SUF 221	NE
	<i>Desmodium pulchellum</i> (L.) Benth.	Jatsalpani	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 222	LC
	<i>Erythrina fusca</i> Lour	Kanta mandar	Tree	NM	0.28	SUF 270	LC
	<i>Flemingia stricta</i> Roxb.	Charchara phan	Herb	M	0.38	SUF 297	NE
	<i>Flacourtiaceae</i>	Shim	Climber	M	0.12	SUF 360	NE
	<i>Flacourtiaceae</i>	Gola kunch	Climber	M	0.30	SUF 504	NE
	<i>Pueraria tuberosa</i> (Willd.) DC	Dhounja	Herb	NM	0.29	SUF 547	LC
	<i>Sesbania bispinosa</i> (Jacq.) W.Wight	Kathsola	Shrub	M	0.13	SUF 548	LC
	<i>Sesbania seshan</i> (L.) Merr.	Sarpunkha	Shrub	M	0.21	SUF 601	NE
	<i>Tephrosia purpurea</i> (L.) Pers	Maskalay	Herb	NM	0.31	SUF 630	NE
	<i>Vigna mungo</i> (L.) Hepper	Sitshal	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 205	VU
Flacourtiaceae	<i>Dalbergia latifolia</i> Roxb	Lukluki	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 296	NE
Heliconiaceae	<i>Flacourtia jangomas</i> (Lour.) Raensch	Tiathuti	Herb	NM	0.38	SUF 317	NE
Heliconiaceae	<i>Heliconia psittacorum</i> L.f	Chingrinomi	Herb	NM	0.44	SUF 318	NE
Hydrophyllaceae	<i>Heliconia rostrata</i> Ruiz & Pav.	Kasshara	Herb	M	0.20	SUF 332	LC
Hydrophyllaceae	<i>Hydrolea zeylanica</i> (L.) Vahl	Gobura	Herb	M	0.58	SUF 060	NE
Lamiaceae	<i>Anisomeles indica</i> (L.) Kuntze	Pathor-chur	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 162	NE
Lamiaceae	<i>Coleus scutellaroides</i> (L.) Benth	Gol tokma	Shrub	M	0.16	SUF 336	NE
Lamiaceae	<i>Hyptis brevipes</i> Poit.	Tokma	Herb	M	1.16	SUF 337	NE
Lamiaceae	<i>Hyptis suaveolens</i> (L.) Poit	Shetodron	Herb	M	1.55	SUF 374	NE
Lamiaceae	<i>Leucas aspera</i> (Roth) Spreng						

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	<i>Ocimum americanum</i> L.	Bontulsi	Herb	M	0.77	SUF 443	NE
	<i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i> L.	Tulshi	Herb	M	1.25	SUF 444	NE
	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i> L.	Tulshi	Herb	M	1.12	SUF 445	NE
	<i>Plectranthus amboinicus</i> (Lour.) Spreng	Patharchur	Herb	M	0.76	SUF 480	NE
	<i>Pogostemon auricularius</i> (L.) Hassk.	Aripachuli	Herb	M	0.25	SUF 484	NE
	<i>Pogostemon paniculatus</i> (Willd.) Benth.	Pampachuli	Herb	NM	0.29	SUF 485	NE
	<i>Actinodaphne angusifolia</i> Nees	Modon mosta	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 015	NE
	<i>Cinnamomum tamala</i> (Buch.-Ham.) Nees & Eberm.	Tejpata, Tamal aka, Huara, Garufung.	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 142	LC
Lauraceae	<i>Litsea glutinosa</i> (Lour.) C.B.Rob.	Kukorcita, Kukurchita	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 384	LC
	<i>Litsea monopetala</i> (Roxb.) Pers	Bara kukurchita	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 385	LC
	<i>Litsea salicifolia</i> (Roxb. ex Nees) Hook.f	Borostialbuka	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 386	LC
Lecythidaceae	<i>Barringtonia acutangula</i> (L.) Gaertn	Hijjal	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 091	LC
Leeaceae	<i>Leea indica</i> Merr.	Kukurjhibba	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 366	LC
	<i>Leea macrophylla</i> Roxb. ex Hornem.	Hostik ormo	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 367	NE
Liliaceae	<i>Asparagus adscendens</i> Roxb	Shatamul	Climber	M	0.19	SUF 078	NE
	<i>Crinum asiaticum</i> L.	Barakanur	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 176	NE
	<i>Molineria capitata</i> (Lour.) Herb	Satipata	Herb	M	1.06	SUF 425	NE
	<i>Zephyranthes candida</i> (Lindl.) Herb	Sada ghasphul	Herb	NM	0.37	SUF 641	NE
	<i>Zephyranthes minima</i> (Kunth) D.Dietr	rain lily	Herb	NM	0.36	SUF 642	NE
Lythraceae	<i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i> (L.) Pers	Jarul	Tree	M	0.62	SUF 361	NE
	<i>Lawsonia inermis</i> L.	Mendi	Shrub	M	0.32	SUF 365	LC
	<i>Woodfordia fruticosa</i> (L.) Kurz	Dhaiphul	Shrub	M	0.16	SUF 636	LC
Magnoliaceae	<i>Magnolia champaca</i> (L.) Baill. ex Pierre	Chapa, Champa.	Tree	M	0.43	SUF 400	LC
	<i>Michelia champaca</i> L.	champa	Tree	M	0.17	SUF 416	LC
Malpighiaceae	<i>Hiptage benghalensis</i> (L.) Kurz	Madhobilata	Climber	NM	0.14	SUF 324	LC
Malvaceae	<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> (L.) Moench	Bhendi	Herb	M	0.35	SUF 001	NE
	<i>Abelmoschus manihot</i> (L.) Medik.	Bankarpas	Herb	NM	0.58	SUF 002	NE
	<i>Abelmoschus moschatus</i> Medik	Kalokasturi	Herb	M	0.48	SUF 003	NE
	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> L.	Joba	Shrub	M	0.41	SUF 321	NE
	<i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i> L. var. <i>sabdariffa</i>	Mesta	Shrub	M	0.28	SUF 322	NE

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Marantaceae	<i>Hibiscus schizopetalus</i> (Mast.) Hook.f	Jhunko joba	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 323	NE
	<i>Mahoeviscus penduliflorus</i> DC.	Duli joba	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 403	NE
	<i>Sida acuta</i> Burm.f	Ban Methi	Shrub	M	0.64	SUF 550	NE
	<i>Sida cordata</i> (Burm.f.) Waalkes	Zunka	Shrub	M	0.52	SUF 551	NE
	<i>Sida cordifolia</i> L.	Shet-berela	Shrub	M	0.52	SUF 552	NE
	<i>Urena lobata</i> L.	Banokra	Shrub	M	0.64	SUF 626	LC
	<i>Urena sinuata</i> L.	Atapuram	Shrub	M	0.32	SUF 627	NE
	<i>Schumannianthus dichotomus</i> (Roxb.) Gagnep.	Pati-pata	Herb	M	0.39	SUF 533	NE
	<i>Angiopteris sylhetensis</i> de Vriese	Sylheti raj dheki	Herb	NM	0.32	SUF 059	NE
	<i>Dumortiera hirsuta</i> (Sw.) Nees	Unknown	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 251	NE
Marchantiaceae	<i>Marchantia palmata</i> Reinw., Nees & Blume	Unknown	Herb	NM	0.72	SUF 408	NE
	<i>Marsilea minuta</i> L.	Susni sak	Herb	NM	0.81	SUF 409	LC
Melastomataceae	<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i> L.	Bontejpata	Shrub	M	0.41	SUF 411	NE
	<i>Osbeckia stellata</i> Buch.-Ham. ex Ker Gawl.	Tellagaichhi	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 452	NE
Meliaceae	<i>Aphanamixis polystachya</i> (Wall.) R. Parker	Pitraj	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 067	LC
	<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss	Nim	Tree	M	0.69	SUF 085	LC
	<i>Chukrasia tabularis</i> A. Juss	Chikrassi	Tree	M	0.28	SUF 141	LC
	<i>Khaya anthotheca</i> (Welw.) C. DC.	Lambu	Tree	NM	0.35	SUF 358	VU
	<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> (L.) Jacq.	Mehgini	Tree	NM	0.58	SUF 581	NT
	<i>Diploclisia glaucescens</i> (Blume) Diels	Sonatola	Climber	M	0.26	SUF 242	NE
	<i>Stephania japonica</i> (Thunb.) Miers	Akandi manik	Climber	M	0.37	SUF 572	NE
	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> (Willd.) Miers	Guloncho	Climber	M	0.35	SUF 611	NE
	<i>Tinospora crispa</i> (L.) Hook. f. & Thomson	Baka guloncho	Climber	M	0.25	SUF 612	NE
	<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> Benth	Akashmoni	Tree	NM	0.39	SUF 005	LC
Mimosaceae	<i>Acacia mangium</i> Willd	Mangium	Tree	NM	0.24	SUF 006	LC
	<i>Acacia nilotica</i> (L.) Del. subsp. indica (Benth.) Brenan	Babla	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 007	NE
	<i>Albizia chinensis</i> (Osbeck) Merr.	Chakua koroi	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 028	NE
	<i>Albizia lucidior</i> (Steud.) I.C. Nielsen	Sil-koroi	Tree	M	0.69	SUF 029	NE
	<i>Albizia myriophylla</i> Benth	Titulya koroi	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 030	NE
	<i>Albizia procera</i> (Roxb.) Benth	Koroi	Tree	M	0.47	SUF 031	LC
	<i>Albizia richardiana</i> (Voigt) King & Prain	Sada koroi	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 032	NE

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	<i>Albizia saman</i> (Jacq.) Merr	Raintree	Tree	NM	0.69	SUF 033	NE
	<i>Entada rheedii</i> Spreng	Gila	Climber	NM	0.14	SUF 266	NE
	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Lam.) de Wit	Epil-epil	Tree	NM	0.35	SUF 373	NE
	<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i> Sauvalle	Shada lajurikher	Herb	M	1.55	SUF 421	NE
	<i>Mimosa pudica</i> L	Lajjabati	Herb	M	2.09	SUF 422	LC
	<i>Pithecellobium dulce</i> (Roxb.) Benth.	Khoibabla	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 479	LC
	<i>Xylocarpus xylocarpa</i> (Roxb.) Taub.	Lohakat	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 640	LC
Molluginaceae	<i>Glinus oppositifolius</i> (L.) A.DC.	Gima	Herb	NM	0.23	SUF 303	LC
Moraceae	<i>Artocarpus chama</i> Buch.-Ham. ex Wall	Chapalish	Tree	NM	0.58	SUF 074	NE
	<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i> Lam	Kanthal	Tree	M	0.69	SUF 075	NE
	<i>Artocarpus lacucha</i> Buch.-Ham	Deua	Tree	NM	0.43	SUF 076	NE
	<i>Ficus auriculata</i> Lour	Kani-bot	Tree	M	0.47	SUF 280	LC
	<i>Ficus benghalensis</i> L	Bot, Bangla-bot, Jhuribot.	Tree	M	0.50	SUF 281	NE
	<i>Ficus benjamina</i> L.	Pakur	Tree	M	0.39	SUF 282	LC
	<i>Ficus carica</i> L.	Angrir-dumur, Anjir.	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 283	LC
	<i>Ficus elastica</i> Roxb. ex Hornem	Para Rubber	Tree	NM	0.28	SUF 284	NE
	<i>Ficus erecta</i> Thunb	Balla-dumur	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 285	LC
	<i>Ficus glaberrima</i> Blume	Rima-bot	Tree	NM	0.21	SUF 286	LC
	<i>Ficus hederacea</i> Roxb.	Gasi-dumur	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 287	NE
	<i>Ficus hispida</i> L.f	kak dumur	Tree	M	0.73	SUF 288	LC
	<i>Ficus pumila</i> L.	Lata dumur	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 289	NE
	<i>Ficus racemosa</i> L. var. racemose	Jaga dumur	Tree	M	0.17	SUF 290	LC
	<i>Ficus religiosa</i> L.	Pan bot	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 291	NE
	<i>Ficus rumphii</i> Blume	Jhula bot	Herb	M	0.17	SUF 292	NE
	<i>Ficus semicordata</i> Buch.-Ham. ex J.E.Sm	Sadimadi dumur	Tree	M	0.43	SUF 293	LC
	<i>Morus alba</i> L.	Tut	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 432	LC
	<i>Streblus asper</i> Lour	Shara	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 579	LC
Moringaceae	<i>Moringa concanensis</i> Nimmo ex Daiz & Gibbs	Sajna	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 430	NE
	<i>Moringa oleifera</i> Lam	Sajna	Tree	M	0.62	SUF 431	LC
Musaceae	<i>Musa itinerans</i> Cheesman	Arikola	Herb	NM	0.86	SUF 435	LC
	<i>Musa ornata</i> Roxb	Ramkola, Pahari Kola	Herb	M	1.61	SUF 436	LC
	<i>Musa paradisiaca</i> L.	Bichi kola	Herb	M	1.34	SUF 437	NE

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Myrsinaceae	<i>Ardisia colorata</i> Roxb.	Bangla oak	Epiphytes	NM	0.16	SUF 070	NE
	<i>Maesa indica</i> (Roxb.) A.DC	Deshiumi	Shrub	M	0.21	SUF 398	LC
Myrtaceae	<i>Maesa ramentacea</i> (Roxb.) A.DC.	Noamortcha	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 399	LC
	<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> (Curtis) Skeels	Bottle brush	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 122	NE
	<i>Corymbia citriodora</i> (Hook.) K.D.Hill & L.A.S.Johnson	Eucalyptus	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 172	LC
	<i>Eucalyptus alba</i> Reinw	Eucalyptus	Tree	NM	0.47	SUF 271	LC
	<i>Melaleuca leucadendron</i> (L.) L.	Caju puti	Tree	NM	0.17	SUF 410	NE
	<i>Psidium guajava</i> L.	Peyara	Tree	M	0.50	SUF 496	LC
	<i>Syzygium amplexicaule</i> (DC.) N.P.Balakr.	Gutijam	Tree	NM	0.24	SUF 585	NE
	<i>Syzygium aqueum</i> (Burm.f.) Alston	Jambo	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 586	NE
	<i>Syzygium balsameum</i> (Wight) Wall. ex Walp	Butijam	Tree	NM	0.35	SUF 587	NE
	<i>Syzygium cumini</i> (L.) Skeels	Jam	Tree	M	0.62	SUF 588	LC
	<i>Syzygium diospyrifolium</i> (Wall. ex Duthie) S.N.Mitra	Gabjam	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 589	NE
	<i>Syzygium firmum</i> Thwaites	Dhakijam	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 590	VU
<i>Syzygium fruticosum</i> (Roxb.) DC	Futijam	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 591	NE	
<i>Syzygium grande</i> (Wight.) Walp	Dhaki jam	Tree	NM	0.32	SUF 592	NE	
<i>Syzygium malaccense</i> (L.) Merr. & L.M.Perry	Jamrul	Tree	M	0.39	SUF 593	LC	
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> Choisy	Baganbilas	Shrub	NM	0.22	SUF 102	LC	
<i>Bougainvillea spectabilis</i> Willd	Kagophul gach	Tree	NM	0.24	SUF 103	NE	
<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> L.	Sondhamaloti	Herb	M	1.71	SUF 424	NE	
<i>Jasminum auriculatum</i> Vahl	jasmine	Shrub	M	0.13	SUF 349	NE	
<i>Jasminum sambac</i> (L.) Aiton	Beli	Shrub	NM	0.09	SUF 350	NE	
<i>Ludwigia adscendens</i> (L.) Hara	Keshordam	Herb	NM	0.34	SUF 388	LC	
<i>Ludwigia hyssopifolia</i> (G.Don) Exell	Zaikura	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 389	LC	
<i>Ludwigia perennis</i> L.	Amorkura	Herb	M	0.67	SUF 390	LC	
<i>Ludwigia prostrata</i> Roxb.	Shayankura	Herb	M	0.56	SUF 391	NE	
<i>Acampe praemorsa</i> (Roxb.) Blatt. & McCann	Kandori phol	Epiphytes	M	0.14	SUF 009	NE	
<i>Cymbidium aloifolium</i> (L.) Sw	Tosabak	Epiphytes	M	0.24	SUF 189	NE	
<i>Dendrobium aphyllum</i> (Roxb.) C.E.C.Fisch.	Fasiarjam.	Epiphytes	M	0.18	SUF 211	LC	
<i>Liparis odorata</i> (Willd.) Lind	Shumo liparis	Epiphytes	NM	0.16	SUF 381	NE	
<i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i> (L.) Blume	Shial leza orchid	Epiphytes	NM	0.23	SUF 517	NE	

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Orobanchaceae	<i>Orobanche aegyptiaca</i> Pers.	Orobanche	Herb	M	0.28	SUF 450	NE
Oxalidaceae	<i>Averrhoa bilimbi</i> L.	Bilimbi	Tree	M	0.65	SUF 082	NE
	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> L.	Anrul	Herb	M	1.15	SUF 454	NE
	<i>Averrhoa carambola</i> L.	Kamranga	Tree	M	0.58	SUF 083	NE
Pandanaceae	<i>Pandanus amaryllifolius</i> Roxb	Polao pata	Herb	NM	0.69	SUF 458	NE
	<i>Pandanus odorifer</i> (Forssk.) Kuntze	Keya	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 459	LC
Passifloraceae	<i>Adenia cardiophylla</i> (Mast.) Engl	Pindopata	Tree	NM	0.13	SUF 017	NE
	<i>Passiflora foetida</i> L.	Jumkolata	Climber	M	0.24	SUF 464	NE
Pedaliaceae	<i>Sesamum indicum</i> L.	Jongliti	Herb	NM	0.36	SUF 546	NE
Piperaceae	<i>Peperomia pellucida</i> (L.) Kunth	Peperomia	Herb	M	1.25	SUF 465	NE
	<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.	Golmorich	Climber	M	0.12	SUF 476	NE
	<i>Piper sylvaticum</i> Roxb.	Bon pan	Climber	M	0.09	SUF 477	NE
Poaceae	<i>Acroceras tonkinense</i> (Balansa) C.E.Hubb. ex Bor	Cerastonki	Herb	NM	0.72	SUF 012	NE
	<i>Alloteropsis cimicina</i> (L.) Stapf	Alotaracina	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 038	NE
	<i>Axonopus compressus</i> (Sw.) P.Beauv	Carpet ghas	Herb	M	1.43	SUF 084	NE
	<i>Bambusa bambos</i> (L.) Voss	Ban bans	Herb	M	0.75	SUF 087	NE
	<i>Bambusa burmanica</i> Gamble	Mitinga bans	Herb	NM	0.68	SUF 088	NE
	<i>Bambusa tulda</i> Roxb.	Baijia	Herb	M	0.68	SUF 089	NE
	<i>Bothriochloa bladhii</i> (Retz.) S.T.Blake	Gandha Gourana	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 100	NE
	<i>Bothriochloa pertusa</i> (L.) A.Camus	Barboda Ghas	Herb	NM	1.50	SUF 101	NE
	<i>Brachiaria kurzii</i> (Hook.f.) A.Camus	Kurokti ghas	Herb	NM	1.37	SUF 104	NE
	<i>Brachiaria reptans</i> (L.) C.A.Gardner & C.E.Hubb	Peraghas	Herb	NM	1.16	SUF 105	LC
	<i>Chloris barbata</i> Sw.	Bata ghas	Herb	NM	1.96	SUF 135	NE
	<i>Chrysopogon zizanioides</i> (L.) Roberty	Bena	Herb	M	0.39	SUF 140	NE
	<i>Coix aquatica</i> Roxb.	Dhanga gurgar	Herb	NM	0.44	SUF 160	NE
	<i>Coix lacryma-jobi</i> L.	Tojbi	Herb	M	0.57	SUF 161	NE
	<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> (DC.) Stapf	Agnighas	Herb	M	0.32	SUF 190	NE
	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Pers	Durbaghas	Herb	M	1.36	SUF 191	NE
	<i>Cyrtococcum oxyphyllum</i> (Steud.) Stapf	Oxycocca ghas	Herb	NM	1.06	SUF 203	NE
	<i>Cyrtococcum patens</i> (L.) A.Camus var. patens	Patococa ghas	Herb	NM	0.79	SUF 204	NE
	<i>Dichanthium annulatum</i> (Forssk.) Stapf	Loari	Herb	NM	0.93	SUF 224	NE

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	<i>Dichanthium caricosum</i> (L.) A. Camus	Detara	Herb	NM	1.50	SUF 225	NE
	<i>Digitaria abtuidens</i> (Roem. & Schult.) Veldkamp	Chirichira	Herb	NM	0.31	SUF 228	NE
	<i>Digitaria bicornis</i> (Lam.) Roem. & Schult.	Baikochira	Herb	NM	0.69	SUF 229	NE
	<i>Digitaria ischaemum</i> (Schreb.) Muhl.	Khude anguli ghas	Herb	NM	0.83	SUF 230	NE
	<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> (L.) Scop.	Mukurjoli	Herb	NM	0.47	SUF 231	LC
	<i>Digitaria ternata</i> (A. Rich.) Stapf	Nata ghas	Herb	NM	1.39	SUF 232	LC
	<i>Echinochloa colona</i> (L.) Link	Shama ghas	Herb	NM	0.36	SUF 254	LC
	<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	Gobra ghas	Herb	NM	0.26	SUF 255	LC
	<i>Eleusine indica</i> (L.) Gaertn.	Malangakuri	Herb	M	0.47	SUF 263	LC
	<i>Eragrostis amabilis</i> (L.) Wight & Arn.	Komi ghas	Herb	NM	1.16	SUF 269	NE
	<i>Hackelochloa granularis</i> (L.) Kuntze	Hekela ghas	Herb	NM	0.81	SUF 312	NE
	<i>Hemarthria protensa</i> Steud.	Chalia	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 320	NE
	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i> (Roxb.) Kurz	Mulibash	Herb	NM	0.79	SUF 412	NE
	<i>Opismenus compositus</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	Gohur durba	Herb	NM	0.76	SUF 448	NE
	<i>Otochloa nodosa</i> (Kunth) Dandy	Voyal ghas	Herb	NM	0.83	SUF 453	NE
	<i>Panicum notatum</i> Retz	Panita ghas	Herb	NM	1.11	SUF 460	NE
	<i>Panicum repens</i> L.	Baranda ghas	Herb	NM	1.05	SUF 461	NE
	<i>Paspalum conjugatum</i> P. J. Bergius	Moishya ghas	Herb	NM	1.16	SUF 463	LC
	<i>Pogonatherum panicum</i> (Lam.) Hack.	Khudi bans	Herb	NM	0.97	SUF 483	LC
	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> L.	Akh	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 524	NE
	<i>Saccharum spontaneum</i> L.	Kash	Herb	M	1.01	SUF 525	LC
	<i>Thysanolaena maxima</i> (Roxb.) Kuntze	Phuljharu	Herb	M	1.11	SUF 610	NE
	<i>Ampeligonum chinense</i> (L.) Lindley	Mohicharan sak	Herb	NM	1.25	SUF 056	NE
	<i>Antigonon leptopus</i> Hook. & Arn.	Ananta lata	Climber	NM	0.09	SUF 066	NE
	<i>Persicaria chinensis</i> (L.) H. Gross	Chinese bishkatali	Herb	M	1.37	SUF 466	NE
	<i>Persicaria hydropiper</i> L.	Biskatali	Herb	M	0.52	SUF 467	LC
	<i>Persicaria orientalis</i> (L.) Spach	Bara panimarich	Herb	M	0.52	SUF 468	NE
	<i>Polygonum plebeium</i> R. Br	Chemti sag	Herb	NM	0.30	SUF 488	LC
	<i>Rumex dentatus</i> L.	Bon-palong	Herb	NM	0.56	SUF 522	NE
	<i>Pyrosia nuda</i> (Giesenh.) Ching	Nudarossi	Epiphytes	NM	0.23	SUF 509	NE
	<i>Colysis pedunculata</i> (Hook. & Grev.) Ching	Unknown	Herb	NM	0.67	SUF 167	NE

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	<i>Drynaria quercifolia</i> (L.) J.Sm	Pankhiraj	Epiphytes	NM	0.27	SUF 249	NE
	<i>Microsorium punctatum</i> (L.) Copel.	Punctasorum fern	Epiphytes	NM	0.14	SUF 419	NE
	<i>Pyrrosia adnascens</i> (Sw.) Ching	Adnarossi fern	Epiphytes	NM	0.25	SUF 506	NE
	<i>Pyrrosia flocculosa</i> (D.Dom) Ching	Flokurossi fern	Epiphytes	NM	0.39	SUF 507	NE
	<i>Pyrrosia lanceolata</i> (L.) Farw.	Atashirossi	Epiphytes	NM	0.36	SUF 508	NE
	<i>Pyrrosia varia</i> (Kaulf.) Farw	Varirossi	Epiphytes	NM	0.36	SUF 510	NE
Pontederiaceae	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> (Mart.) Solms	Kochuripana	Herb	M	2.63	SUF 259	NE
	<i>Monochoria hastata</i> (L.) Solms	Bara nukha, Kecchor,	Herb	M	0.50	SUF 427	LC
Portulacaceae	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.	Borolunia	Herb	M	0.36	SUF 489	LC
Pteridaceae	<i>Pteris vittata</i> L.	viateris	Herb	M	0.97	SUF 034	LC
	<i>Aleuritopteris bicolor</i> (Roxb.) Freser-Jenk	Silver fern	Herb	M	0.49	SUF 499	NE
	<i>Acrostichum aureum</i> L.	Tiger fern	Herb	M	0.50	SUF 013	LC
	<i>Pteris ensiformis</i> Burm.f	Ensteteris	Herb	NM	1.23	SUF 497	NE
Punicaceae	<i>Pteris pellucida</i> C.Presl	Luciteris	Herb	NM	1.10	SUF 498	NE
Rhamnaceae	<i>Punica granatum</i> L.	Dalim	Shrub	M	0.16	SUF 505	LC
	<i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i> Lam.	Boroi	Tree	M	0.50	SUF 644	LC
	<i>Ziziphus oenopolia</i> (L.) Mill.	Bonboroi	Tree	NM	0.35	SUF 645	LC
Rosaceae	????????????????	Kanta golap	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 520	NE
Rubiaceae	<i>Dentella repens</i> (L.) J.R.Forst & G.Forst.	Bhuipat	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 212	LC
	<i>Gardenia jessminoides</i> J.Ellis	Gondhoraj	Tree	M	0.28	SUF 301	NE
	<i>Haldina cordifolia</i> (Roxb.) Ridsdale	Bangka	Tree	M	0.17	SUF 313	NE
	<i>Hedyotis scandens</i> Roxb.	Bish lata	Herb	M	0.44	SUF 315	NE
	<i>Hyptianthera stricta</i> (Roxb. ex Schult.) Wight & Arn.	Hyptian	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 335	NE
	<i>Ixora coccinea</i> L.	Rangan	Shrub	M	0.52	SUF 346	NE
	<i>Ixora javanica</i> (Blume) DC	Java rangan	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 347	LC
	<i>Ixora nigricans</i> R.Br. ex Wight & Arn	Kuthi rangan	Shrub	M	0.47	SUF 348	NE
	<i>Morinda citrifolia</i> L.	Banach	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 429	NE
	<i>Mussaenda roxburghii</i> Hook.f	Sitchaonri	Shrub	M	0.46	SUF 438	NE
	<i>Mycetia longifolia</i> (Wall.) Kuntz.	Mycetelon	Shrub	M	0.16	SUF 439	NE
	<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) Bosser	Kadam	Tree	M	0.65	SUF 440	NE
	<i>Oldenlandia corymbosa</i>	Khet Papra	Herb	M	0.52	SUF 446	NE
	<i>Ophiorrhiza mungos</i> L	Ghandhanakuli	Herb	M	0.52	SUF 447	NE
	<i>Paederia cruddasiana</i> Prain	Gandha-bhadali pata	Climber	NM	0.09	SUF 455	NE
	<i>Paederia erecta</i> Roxb.	Gandhabhadali	climber	M	0.14	SUF 456	NE

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	<i>Paederia foetida</i> L.	Gandhabhaduli	Climber	M	0.39	SUF 457	NE
	<i>Randia dimetorium</i> (Retz.) Lam.	Mon kata	Herb	NM	0.86	SUF 512	NE
	<i>Spermacoce articulata</i> L.f	Atharogia	Herb	M	0.48	SUF 563	NE
	<i>Spermacoce hispida</i> L.	Pidajil	Herb	NM	1.19	SUF 564	NE
	<i>Spermacoce latifolia</i> Aubl	Ghujiil	Herb	NM	0.38	SUF 565	NE
	<i>Spermacoce stricta</i> L.f.	Bishmijil	Herb	NM	0.56	SUF 566	NE
	<i>Spermacoce tenuior</i> L.	Tenijil	Herb	NM	0.45	SUF 567	NE
	<i>Meyna spinosa</i> Roxb. ex Link	Moyena	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 415	NE
	<i>Aegle marmelos</i> (L.) Corr.	Bel	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 023	NT
Rutaceae	<i>Citrus aurantiifolia</i> (Christm.) Swingle	Lebu	Shrub	M	0.21	SUF 145	NE
	<i>Citrus maxima</i> (Burm.f.) Merr.	Jambura	Tree	M	0.28	SUF 146	LC
	<i>Clausena heptaphylla</i> (Roxb.) Wight & Arn. ex Steud	Pan mouri	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 147	NE
	<i>Clausena suffruticosa</i> (Roxb.) Wight & Arn.	Kalamaricha	Tree	NM	0.21	SUF 148	NE
	<i>Glycosmis cymosa</i> (Kurz) Narayan	Mosa majon	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 306	NE
	<i>Glycosmis pentaphylla</i> (Retz.) A.DC.	Ashsaora	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 307	LC
	<i>Limonia acidissima</i> L.	Koethbel	Tree	M	0.35	SUF 375	NE
	<i>Murraya koenigii</i> (L.) Spreng	Chotokamini	Tree	M	0.43	SUF 433	NE
	<i>Murraya paniculata</i> (L.) Jack	Kamini	Tree	M	0.54	SUF 434	NE
	<i>Paramignya scandens</i> (Griff.) Craib	Bannebu	Tree	NM	0.24	SUF 462	NE
Salviniaceae	<i>Sabiania cucullata</i> Roxb. ex Bory	Indur kani	Herb	NM	0.34	SUF 526	LC
Santalaceae	<i>Santalum album</i> L.	Shet chandan	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 528	VU
Sapindaceae	<i>Allophylus cobbe</i> L.	Chita	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 036	NE
	<i>Allophylus villosus</i> (Roxb.) Blume	Pashomchita	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 037	NE
	<i>Cyathula prostrata</i> (L.) Blume	Shyontula	Herb	NM	0.36	SUF 187	NE
	<i>Lepisanthes rubiginosa</i> (Roxb.) Leenh	Rubiharina	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 370	LC
	<i>Lepisanthes senegalensis</i> (Poir.) Leenh	SAPINDACEAE	Tree	M	0.43	SUF 371	NE
	<i>Lepisanthes tetraphylla</i> (Vahl) Radlk.	Chariharina	Herb	NM	0.35	SUF 372	LC
	<i>Litchi chinensis</i> Sonn.	Lichu	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 383	NE
Sapotaceae	<i>Madhuca longifolia</i> (J.König ex L.) J.F.Macbr. var. <i>longifolia</i>	Mohua	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 397	NE
	<i>Manilkara zapota</i> (L.) P.Royen	Safeda	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 407	NE
	<i>Mimusops elengi</i> L.	Bokul	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 423	LC
Schizaeaceae	<i>Lygodium circinatum</i> (Burm.f.) Sw.	Golalata fern	Climber	M	0.37	SUF 392	NE
	<i>Lygodium flexuosum</i> (L.) Sw.	Saralata fern	Climber	M	0.49	SUF 393	NE
	<i>Lygodium microphyllum</i> (Cav.) R.Br.	Patilata fern	Climber	M	0.46	SUF 394	LC

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Scrophulariaceae	<i>Bacopa monnieri</i> (L.) Pennell	Brahmishak	Herb	NM	3.36	SUF 086	LC
	<i>Dopatrium junceum</i> (Roxb.) Buch.-Ham. ex Benth.	Binsowan	Herb	NM	0.31	SUF 246	LC
	<i>Lindenbergia indica</i> (L.) Yatke	Basonti	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 376	LC
	<i>Lindernia antipoda</i> (L.) Alston	Zai ghas	Herb	NM	0.27	SUF 377	LC
	<i>Lindernia ciliata</i> (Colson) Pennell	Vui	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 378	NE
	<i>Lindernia crustacea</i> (L.) F. Muell	Chapra ghas	Herb	NM	1.37	SUF 379	LC
	<i>Lindernia rotundifolia</i> (L.) Alston	Tan chapra	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 380	LC
	<i>Microcarpaea minima</i> (K.D.König ex Retz.) Merr	Lal manik	Herb	NM	0.72	SUF 417	LC
	<i>Scoparia dulcis</i> L.	Bandhone	Herb	M	1.03	SUF 535	NE
	<i>Torenia asiatica</i> L.	Asiantoren.	Herb	M	0.27	SUF 613	NE
	<i>Torenia fourieri</i> Linden ex E.Fourn	Neritoren	Herb	M	0.28	SUF 614	NE
	<i>Selaginella ciliaris</i> (Ritz.) Spring	Katagenella	Herb	NM	0.42	SUF 536	NE
	Selaginellaceae	<i>Selaginella delicatula</i> (Desv. ex Poit.) Alston	Lataginella	Herb	NM	0.37	SUF 537
<i>Selaginella vaginata</i> Spring		Nataginella	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 538	NE
<i>Smilax ovalifolia</i> Roxb. ex D. Don		Kumari lata	Climber	M	0.16	SUF 553	NE
<i>Smilax zeylanica</i> L.		Lonica lata	climber	M	0.24	SUF 554	NE
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L. var. annum		Kachamarich	Herb	NM	0.58	SUF 125	LC
<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i> L.		Hasna hena	Shrub	NM	0.25	SUF 132	LC
<i>Datura metel</i> L.		Dhutra	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 209	NE
<i>Physalis minima</i> L.		Phutka	Herb	M	1.55	SUF 474	NE
<i>Solanum capsicoides</i> All		Loma begun	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 555	NE
<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.		Bagun	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 556	NE
<i>Solanum nigrum</i> L.		Futibegun	Herb	M	1.57	SUF 557	NE
<i>Solanum silymbriifolium</i> Lam.		Kanta begun	Herb	M	1.19	SUF 558	NE
Solanaceae		<i>Solanum torvum</i> Sw.	Tit begun	Shrub	M	0.64	SUF 559
	<i>Solanum virginianum</i> L.	Kantikari begun	Shrub	M	0.09	SUF 560	NE
	<i>Solanum xanthocarpum</i>	kata begun	Shrub	NM	0.09	SUF 561	NE
	<i>Withania somnifera</i> (L.) Dunal	Aswagandha	Herb	M	0.31	SUF 635	DD
	<i>Sonneratia apetala</i> Buch.-Ham.	Petakeora	Tree	NM	0.09	SUF 562	LC
	<i>Abroma augusta</i> (L.) L.f	Ulatkambol	Shrub	M	0.33	SUF 004	NE
	<i>Byttneria aspera</i> Colebr.	Nilbhutta	Climber	NM	0.08	SUF 111	NE
	<i>Pterospermum acerifolium</i> (L.) Willd	Moos	Tree	M	0.73	SUF 500	LC
	<i>Pterospermum semisagittatum</i> Buch.-Ham. ex Roxb.	Bara asar	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 501	NE
	<i>Pterygota alata</i> (Roxb.) R.Br	Buddha narike	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 502	NE

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	<i>Sterculia foetida</i> L.	Udal	Tree	M	0.47	SUF 573	NE
	<i>Sterculia villosa</i> Roxb.	Loma udal, Udal, Chala, Chandul.	Tree	M	0.09	SUF 574	NE
Strelitziaceae	<i>Ravenala madagascariensis</i> Sonn	Panthopadop	Herb	NM	0.52	SUF 514	LC
Taccaceae	<i>Tacca integrifolia</i> Ker Gawl.	Matimunda	Herb	M	0.57	SUF 595	NE
Thelypteridaceae	<i>Ampeleptis prolifera</i> (Retz.) Copel.	Lombo dheki shak	Herb	M	1.39	SUF 055	NE
	<i>Christella appendiculata</i> (C.Presl) Holttum	Kulatila	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 136	NE
	<i>Christella arida</i> (D.Don) Holttum	Artila	Herb	NM	0.50	SUF 137	NE
	<i>Christella dentata</i> (Forssk.) Brownsey & Jermy	Datnila (B).	Herb	NM	0.57	SUF 138	NE
Tiliaceae	<i>Brownlowia elata</i> Roxb	Moss	Tree	M	0.21	SUF 109	NE
	<i>Corchorus aestuans</i> L.	Ban-pat	Herb	M	0.76	SUF 171	NE
	<i>Grewia nervosa</i> (Lour.) Panigrahi	Asar	Tree	M	0.47	SUF 310	NE
	<i>Grewia serrulata</i> DC	Pichandi	Tree	M	0.28	SUF 311	NE
	<i>Triumfetta pentandra</i> A.Rich.	Andafetta	Herb	NM	0.34	SUF 623	NE
	<i>Triumfetta rhomboidea</i> Jacq	Bonokra	Shrub	M	0.09	SUF 624	NE
Ulmaceae	<i>Trema orientalis</i> (L.) Blume	Chikan	Tree	M	0.54	SUF 619	LC
Urticaceae	<i>Elatostema papillosum</i> Wedd	Silajhara	Herb	NM	0.67	SUF 261	NE
	<i>Elatostema sessile</i> J.R. Forst. & J.G. Forst.	Sessijhara	Herb	NM	1.60	SUF 262	NE
	<i>Laportea interrupta</i> (L.) Chew	Btchuti, Chutra	Herb	NM	0.40	SUF 364	NE
	<i>Pilea melastomoides</i> (Poir.) Wedd.	Unknown	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 475	NE
	<i>Pouzolzia hirta</i> (Blume) Hassk.	Hirazolzi	Herb	M	1.03	SUF 492	NE
	<i>Pouzolzia zeylanica</i> (L.) Benn	Kullaruki	Herb	M	1.56	SUF 493	NE
Verbenaceae	<i>Sarcochlamps pulcherrima</i> Gaudich	Korobi	Shrub	M	0.13	SUF 530	NE
	<i>Callicarpa arborea</i> Roxb.	Bormala	Tree	M	0.13	SUF 121	LC
	<i>Clerodendrum indicum</i> (L.) Kuntze	Bamunhatti	Herb	M	0.57	SUF 152	NE
	<i>Clerodendrum inerme</i> (L.) Gaertn.	Kundali bhant	Shrub	M	0.07	SUF 153	NE
	<i>Clerodendrum paniculatum</i> L.	Panyin bhat	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 154	NE
	<i>Clerodendrum viscosum</i> Vent	Bhat	Shrub	M	0.41	SUF 155	NE
	<i>Duranta erecta</i> L.	Duranto	Shrub	NM	0.34	SUF 252	LC
	<i>Gmelina arborea</i> Roxb	Gamari, Gamar	Tree	M	0.69	SUF 308	LC
	<i>Lantana camara</i> L.	Lantana	Shrub	M	0.60	SUF 363	NE
	<i>Lippia alba</i> (P. Mill.) N.E.Br. ex Britt. & Wilson	Vui okra	Shrub	NM	0.07	SUF 382	NE
	<i>Nyctanthes arbor-tristis</i> L.	Sheuli	Tree	M	0.24	SUF 442	NE
	<i>Premna esculenta</i> Roxb	Lalana	Tree	M	0.28	SUF 494	NE

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	<i>Tectona grandis</i> L.f	Segun	Tree	M	0.54	SUF 600	NE
	<i>Vitex negundo</i> L.	Nishihda	Tree	M	0.39	SUF 631	LC
	<i>Vitex peduncularis</i> Wall. ex Schauer	Horina	Tree	M	0.32	SUF 632	LC
Vitaceae	<i>Ampelocissus barbata</i> (Wall.) Planch	Jarila-lahari	Climber	M	0.26	SUF 053	NE
	<i>Ampelocissus latifolia</i> (Roxb.) Planch	Gowalia-lata	Climber	M	0.12	SUF 054	NE
	<i>Cissus adnata</i> Roxb	Aliangalata	Climber	M	0.22	SUF 143	NE
	<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i> L.	Harjora	Herb	NM	0.69	SUF 144	NE
	<i>Vitis trifolia</i> L.	Tepata-lata	Climber	NM	0.09	SUF 633	NE
Woodsiaceae	<i>Diplazium esculentum</i> (Retz.) Sw	Dheki shak	Herb	NM	1.10	SUF 241	LC
Zingiberaceae	<i>Alpinia calcarata</i> (Haw.) Roscoe	Deshi chhoto elachi	Herb	M	0.44	SUF 042	NE
	<i>Alpinia nigra</i> (Gaertn.) B.L.Burtt	Jongli ada	Herb	M	0.83	SUF 043	LC
	<i>Curcuma aromatica</i> Salisb	Bon holud, Jongli haltdi	Herb	M	1.16	SUF 181	NE
	<i>Curcuma longa</i> L.	Holud	Herb	M	0.36	SUF 182	DD
	<i>Curcuma rubescens</i> Roxb.	Rubi halud	Herb	NM	0.31	SUF 183	NE
	<i>Curcuma zedoaria</i> (Christm.) Roscoe	Shoti	Herb	M	0.44	SUF 184	DD
	<i>Globba arracanensis</i> Kurz	Arakan globba	Herb	NM	0.36	SUF 304	DD
	<i>Hedychium coronarium</i> J.König	Dolan chapa	Herb	M	0.28	SUF 314	DD
	<i>Kaempferia galanga</i> L.	Shugandha bach	Herb	NM	0.39	SUF 356	DD
	<i>Zingiber zerumbet</i> (L.) Roscoe ex Sm	Boj	Herb	M	0.86	SUF 643	DD

NB: NM-Non-medicinal, M-Medicinal.

Out of the recorded 120 families, dicotyledonous group dominated with the highest number of family (86) followed by monocotyledonous (20), pteridophytes (13) and gymnosperms (01), respectively (Table 2).

In dicotyledonous group, Euphorbiaceae appeared to be the largest family comprised of 33 species under 21 genera followed by Asteraceae consisted of 20 species under 18 genera, Rubiaceae with 24 species under 16 genera, Fabaceae with 28 species under 14 genera, Apocynaceae consisting 14 species under 11 genera, Verbenaceae with 14 species in 10 genera, Acanthaceae with 11 species under 8 genera, Caesalpiniaceae consisting 17 species under 7 genera, Mimosaceae with 15 species under 7 genera and Lamiaceae with 11 species under 7 genera.

In monocotyledonous group, Poaceae is the largest family having with 41 species under 27 genera followed by Araceae, Arecaceae, Zingiberaceae and so on (Table 3). Among the all recorded 120 families, the most dominant 10 families are Poaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Asteraceae, Araceae, Rubiaceae, Fabaceae, Arecaceae, Apocynaceae, Verbenaceae, and Acanthaceae respectively (Table 2). In Magnoliopsida, Euphorbiaceae appears to be the largest family having 33 species and 21 genera whereas, in Liliopsida, poaceae appears to be the largest family having 41 species and 27 genera. But in the Bangladesh Flora, Poaceae is the 1st largest family followed by Fabaceae, Orchidaceae, Rubiaceae, Asteraceae, Cyperaceae and Euphorbiaceae. In the Bangladesh Flora, Euphorbiaceae represented by 159 species and 50 genera and Poaceae by 342 species and 132 genera (Pasha and Uddin, 2013).

Table 3. Dominant Families of Dicotyledonous and monocotyledonous group.

Dicotyledonous Group			Monocotyledonous group		
Family	Genus	Species	Family	Genus	Species
Euphorbiaceae	21	33	Poaceae	27	41
Asteraceae	18	20	Araceae	17	29
Rubiaceae	16	24	Arecaceae	12	16
Fabaceae	14	28	Zingiberaceae	7	10
Apocynaceae	11	14	Orchidaceae	5	5
Verbenaceae	10	14	Cyperaceae	4	14
Acanthaceae	8	11	Commelinaceae	4	7
Caesalpiniaceae	7	17	Agavaceae	4	5
Mimosaceae	7	15	liliaceae	4	5

The largest genus of dicotyledons group holding fourteen species found in *Ficus* followed by *Sizygium* (nine species) *Desmodium* (eight species), *Senna*, *Ipomoea* and *Solanum* (seven species from each). On the other hand, in monocotyledons group, the genus *Cyperus* appeared to be the largest with ten species followed by *Digitaria* (five species), *Colocasia* and *Calamus* (four species from each), *Alocasia*, *Cleome*, *Musa* and *Bambusa* (three species of each).

In the Study area, *Bacopa monnieri* having an IVI value of 3.36% is dominant in the forest area, some co-dominant species are *Eichhornia crassipes* (2.63%), *Centella asiatica* (2.17%), *Mimosa pudica* (2.09%), *Cyperus laxus* (1.99%), *Chloris barbata* (1.96 %), *Mirabilis jalapa* (1.71%), *Musa ornata* (1.61%), *Elatostema sessile* (1.60%), *Solanum nigrum* (1.57%), *Pouzolzia zeylanica* (1.56%) accordingly (Table 2). The common species are *Axonopus compressus*, *Mikania*

micrantha, *Sida acuta*, *Urena lobata*, *Solanum torvum*, *Adiantum philippense*, *Achyranthes aspera*, *Phyllanthus niruri*, *Ficus hispida*, *Euphorbia hirta*, *Lantana camara* while *Coccinia grandis*, *Lippia alba*, *Clerodendrum inerme*, *Datura metel*, *Allophylus cobbe*, *Pandanus odorifer*, *Osbeckia stellate*, *Tinospora crispa*, *Tinospora cordifolia* and *Passiflora foetida* are rarely found in study area. This study also recorded some threatened and rare species for example, *Tinospora crispa*, *Diploclisia glaucescens*, *Tinospora cordifolia* and *Wrightia arborea* are threatened species (Ara et al., 2013) which are popular medicinal plant used by the local people. *Santalum album* L. is a rare species recorded from study area. Status of occurrence have been determined by field observation and quadrat sampling of the area. Status of occurrence has been recorded for proper conservation management and sustainable utilization of the taxa which show 452 (70.08%) to be common, 180 (27.91%) as least concern, 9 (1.40%) as vulnerable, and 4 (0.62%) are found as near threatened in the study area. (Table 2). The survey enumerated only one gymnosperm *Cycas pectinata* from the Chattogram city area.

Habitat diversity

Among the vascular plants herbs represented by 293 (46%) species under 220 genera and 87 family, shrubs 102 (16%) species under 87 genera and 45 family, trees 176 (27%) under 127 genera and 62 family, climbers 59 (9%) under 53 genera and 34 family and epiphytes by 15 (2%) species under 14 genera and 10 family respectively. The habit diversity shows that herbaceous plants are dominating over shrubs, trees and Climbers (Fig. 2A and B) as also observed by others (Jashimuddin and Inoue, 2012; Uddin et al., 2015; Faruque et al., 2018; Malik et al., 2018; Gumisiriza et al., 2019; Durso et al., 2021)

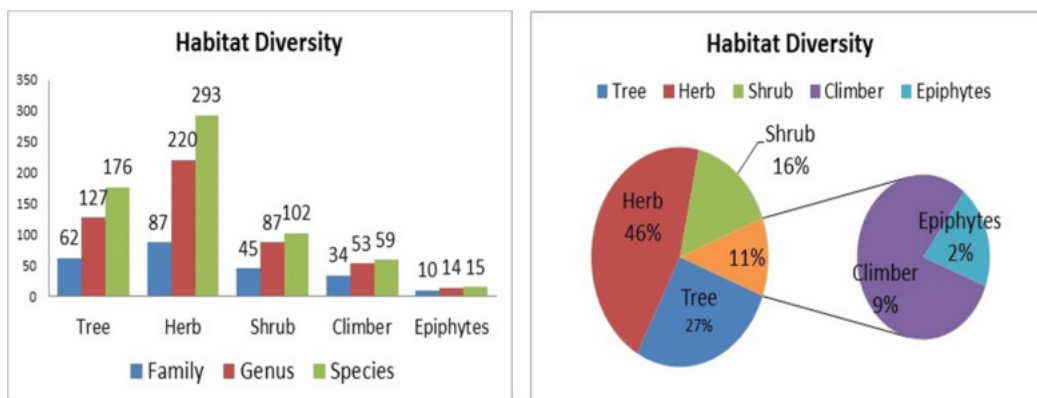


Fig. 2. Habitat diversity of the documented plant species

Exotic plants are deliberated as a great threat to the native biodiversity and ecosystems due to their deleterious influences on the existence and survival of indigenous plants and wildlife (Biswas et al., 2007; Dutta et al., 2015). The present study clearly stated that several exotic plants have aggressive growth, also have negative impacts on the growth and development of native plant species. A number of well-established exotic tree species, i.e., *Acacia auriculiformis*, *Acacia mangium*, *Albizia richardiana*, *Dalbergia sisso* etc. and some noxious exotic weeds, e.g., *Chromolaena odorata*, *Mimosa pudica*, *Duranta erecta*, *Lantana camara* etc. were recorded from the plantation sites of different areas.

Medicinal and Non-medicinal

This Study recorded a total of 384 (60%) medicinal plant species belonging to 277 genera under 93 families from the study area (Fig. 3) while other researchers recorded only 24 non-woody medicinal plants from Sulakbahar ward of Chattogram metropolitan area (Biswas *et al.*, 2021).

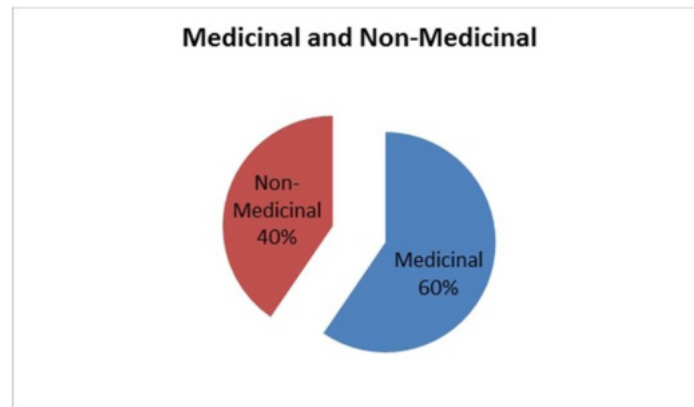


Fig. 3. Percentage of plants on the basis of their uses.

Diversity indices

The calculated magnitude of Shanon-Wiener index (3.03) of this study was 3.03 indicating indicates the presence of diverse vascular plants in comparable to the magnitudes of other studies conducted in community managed VCFs as well as government managed forests in Bangladesh. The calculated magnitude is lower than the other study in Bangladesh (Nath *et al.*, 2016a ; Chowdhury *et al.*, 2019; Jannat *et al.*, 2020; Rudra *et al.*, 2021) and comparably higher than other (Rahman *et al.*, 2016) (Fig. 3). Contrariwise, lower Simpson's index of 0.05 was also on of the key indicator of presence of considerably diverse vegetation in the study areas, which close to the result for other reported VCFs and one government managed forest(Nath *et al.*, 2016b; Rahman *et al.*, 2016; Chowdhury *et al.*, 2019; Jannat *et al.*, 2020; Rudra *et al.*, 2021) (Fig. 4). Species evenness index was computed as 0.45 indicating that all species were almost evenly distributed. These outcomes also identical to Komolchori VCF in Khagrachori and Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary and markedly heterogenous to other two VCFs and BFD managed forest as demonstrated in Fig. 4. Phytosociological attributes and diversity indices showed elevated results compared to other studies reported from the BFD managed forests and community managed forest (Nath *et al.*, 2016b) which indicated that community induced forest management approach is more effective than the government managed forests. This variation in diversity indices among different forest type is attributable to alterations in species biomass, perturbations, and topographical factors. The community works in a collaborative way for the sustainable management of VCF and helps to grow stewardship among the community members. However, the population density in CHTs is very low compared to other parts of the country and this may be why they exist in rich diverse forest patches. On the other hands, population density in metropolitan area is comparatively higher than it's of CHTs. Aforementioned statistical analysis indicates that current research field namely Chattogram metropolitan hilly areas are still occupied with diversified vegetation and trees but yet there has been significant risk of degrading this diversity due to over growing population pressure, urbanization practices advent of modern technology, unplanned

forest management practice without involving local peoples, climate change and other factors. To maintain the current plant species variety, the extant plant species diversity richness should be protected by establishing an effective monitoring system and implementing a conservation strategy that is ecologically viable. Moreover, flora holds a pivotal role amongst each geographical area's natural wealth affluence. Thereby, plant biomass of any place delivers a concise illusion of floristic richness, that either may be convenient for formulating sustainable conservation and management strategies of biodiversity. Thus, the forthcoming sustainable protection strategy for the plant resources would be beneficiary to the affordable management and effective protection of the forest ecosystem.

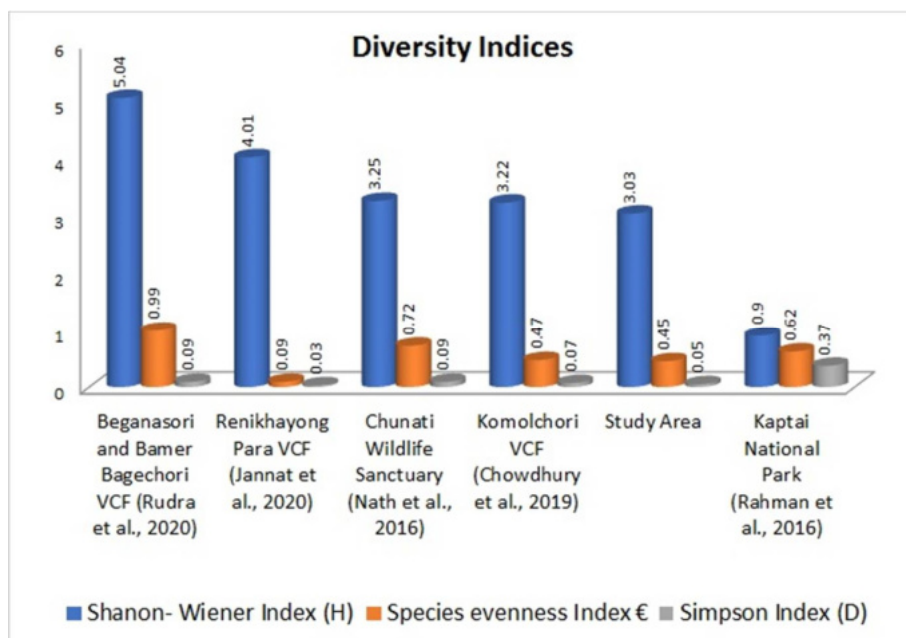


Fig. 4. Comparison of diversity Indices in this study (Chattogram Metropolitan Area) with that in other community managed Village Common Forests (VCF) and Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) managed forests.

Conclusion

Forests play an important role as a lung of the whole world. Naturally growing forest resources distributed in Chattogram city are actively involved to run ecosystem properly and to keep balancing the abiotic and biotic components in a very organized way. For example, carbon sequestration is a long-term process to store/capture carbon from the atmosphere in plants organs through biological, chemical and physical processes, which play an important role to sustain the atmospheric temperature as well as reducing global warming. Likewise, to reduce landslide in the hilly regions, plantation could be a solution to overcome this issue. Therefore, it is urgently needed to record plant species found in the study area as many anthropogenic activities are actively participated for the deforestation process otherwise, we may lose important or new species forever from the study areas. However, this study provides potential sources to the environmental planners, herbalist, ecologist, taxonomists, ethnobotanists, pharmacists, phytochemists and local administration.

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