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Ethno botanical study of medicinal plants of district Charsadda, Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa, Pakistan

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Abstract

The ethnomedicinal study play a key role in the control of various disorders and provide a base for further study on scientific lines. This survey, observed traditionally medicinal plants uses their therapeutic uses for the various common ailments in District Charsadda KP. The regular 7 trips were arranged in each season from January, 2018 to April, 2019 and collect the data from the local inhabitants through questionnaires interviewed regarding the available medicinal plants. The total of 105 respondents (90 males, 15 females) were distributed. Family importance value (FIV), Relative Frequency of Citation (RFC) and conservative status help to find the most common used plants. The total 81 plants are recorded as medicinal belonging to 45 families and 75 genera. The life form showed that 48 species were herb, 24 Tress and 9 were a shrub, the common parts were Leaf, fruit, and whole plant which were used in greater numbers. The inhabitants used them for pain relief, fever, rheumatism, spasmodic, inflammation, respiratory, digestive, and cordial disorders. The conservation status shows that some species of the area is going to be extinct due to high biotic and abiotic factors. The study aims to bring awareness among the people, to save this precious knowledge and protect these plants, for the next generation.

Keywords: Medicinal plants, family importance value, family citation, conservative status, district Charsadda

1. Introduction

The ethno botanical study is as old as human civilization but the term ethno botany was first coined by an American botanist, John Hershberger in 1896. It is the science, which studies the relationship between a given society and its environment, particularly the plant world ^[1]. These studies have become increasingly valuable in the development of health care and conservation programs in different parts of the world ^[2] among the world population about 80% of people depend on medicinal plants use, which purely comes from medicinal plants ^[3]. More than 5000 plant species belonging to angiosperms are used worldwide for medicinal purposes ^[4]. Epidemiological studies have shown that many of the phytochemicals from medicinal plants possess anti-inflammatory, ant atherosclerotic, antitumor, ant mutagenic, ant carcinogenic, antibacterial, or antiviral activities, they are also associated with reduced risks of cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and lower mortality rates of several human diseases ^[5]. Over 422,000 plant species worldwide possess the medicinal value of which 52,885 species are traded globally ^[6]. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the World Wildlife Fund, there are between 50,000 and 80,000 flowering plant species used for medicinal purposes worldwide. Among these, about 15,000 species are threatened with extinction from overharvesting and habitat destruction ^[7], however, the use of these plants by locals is decreasing with time to time. During the last few years, the habitat of medicinal plants across this region has been under pressure due to urbanization and exploitation of raw materials by pharmaceutical companies ^[8]. The attention must be given to these plants before the lost forever. The present research aims to bring awareness among the people, therapeutic uses, control the diseases, and store the knowledge and medicinal uses of plants present in district Charsadda Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Pakistan. The study aimed were, to provide awareness among the people about the use of the plants for medicinal purposes and to record ethnomedicinal profile and conservation status

2. Material and Methods

2.1 Study area

District Charsadda is the district of KP, Pakistan. It is located in the west of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa and is bordered with Malakand District on the north, Peshawar and Nowshera districts on the south, district Mardan on the east, and Mohmand Agency on the west. District

Charsadda divided into 2 tehsils and 46 Union Councils. Tehsil Charsadda comprises 34 while Tehsil Tangy comprises 12 union councils. The area is about 996 square kilometers and 282 meters above from sea level in elevation.

2.2 Information and selection

The data were made in four different seasons (summer, winter, and spring, autumn) of the year. The collection was made from January 2018 to April 2019. The plant specimen was collected with the help of a notebook, digger, and clippers, Hand lens, collection bottles, mercuric chloride, collection bags, insecticides, ethanol maps, camera, pencil, cutter, GPS, and field presser. A total of 28 trips were arranged, in which 7 trips were for each season following [9, 10]. The total 105 local respondents were selected, 90 were male and 15 were females, the old people were 87 from 51-70 years old (male =70, females=8). The 18 respondents were from 40-50 years old (males=11, females=7). The local respondents were formers, Hakeem housewives, and local inhabitants of the area.

2.3 Data collection, organizing, and analysis

The information was obtained from the local informants through questionnaires and oral interviews. The questionnaire included the Whole status of the plant, Parts use, Local name, Method of collection and consumption. The interview was conducted in the local languages (Pashto, Urdu). The part of the plant was classified into different categories like seeds, fruits, leaves and whole plant etc. The uses of the plant were divided into different groups.

2.4 Preservation of plants

The collected specimen was dried in a shady place, kept for a while in sunlight to secure from fungal attacks. Dried posted kept on herbarium sheets and deposited to the herbarium hall, University of Malakand KP, Pakistan. Specimens were identified with the help of available literature [11-14]. And deposited to the herbarium, at the Department of the Botany University of Malakand.

2.5 Statistical analysis

2.5.1 Relative Frequency citation (RFC)

RFC stands for the relative frequency of citation, the total data was quantitatively analyzed, the number of informants who cited the plant species (FC), divided by the total number of respondents in the survey (N)^[15]. The RFC was calculated as follows:

$$RFC = FC/N$$

2.5.2 Family Importance Value

FIV stands for the frequency of citation of the plant family, frequency of citation of the plant family (FC) divided by is the total number of respondents (N) multiply by hundred. Conservation status of the medicinal plants was enumerated according to the IUCN standard. Family importance value (FIV) was calculated as per the following formula.

$$FIV = FC/N \times 100$$

2.5.3 Conservation status

The ethnomedicinal data were collected from the informants, plant status, Parts use, plant regrowth, plant Local name, and collection Method were noted and counted their numbers. The numbers have the following meaning: 2-5=Endangered, 6-

9=Vulnerable, 9-12=Rare, 12-14= infrequent, and 14-18= dominant. Conservation status of medicinal plants was enumerated according to their parts used, their life cycles and their demand in the local and international markets ^[16].

2.5.4 Data analysis

The data is analyzed with Microsoft excel 2019.

3. Result

3.1 Demographic data

The total 28 trips with 7 in each season were made from January 2018 to April 2019. The trips were arranged, from time to time in day night. The plants were collected from different areas, growing regions due to four different seasons (summer, autumn, winter, spring) of the years. The information was collected about medicinal plants its uses, status, growth etc from the local inhabitants by oral interview, especially from formers, Hakeem, and housewives, cited more species than other informants. Mostly elder people of the area have much information about the medicinal uses of the plant species as compared to the young generation. The total informants were 105, 90 were male and 15 were females, 87 were the old people from 51- 70 years old (79 male, 8 females). The remaining 18 respondents were from 40-50 years old in which males were 11 and 7 were females.

3.2 Medicinal plant diversity

A total 81 species belonging to 45 families in which the family Asteraceae is the dominant family having (7spp, 8.64%), followed by Apiaceae, Moraceae (5spp, 6.17%) and Poaceae, Solanaceae (4spp, 4.93%), Cucurbitaceae, Lamiaceae, Mimosaceae, Rosaceae (3spps, 3.70%), while 8 families having 2 species (2.46%) in the remaining 36 families. Our result showed similarities with other ethno botanical studies concerning the predominance of family Asteraceae and Apiaceae ^[15].

3.3 Life form and part use

The habit of the recorded medicinal plants shows that Herb (48 spp, 59.25%) followed by Trees (24 spp, 29.62%) and shrub (9spp, 11.11%). The part use of the plant shows leaves (31 spp, 26.05 %), followed by fruit (30 spp, 25.21%), whole plant (15spp, 12.60%), stem, seed (12spp, 10.08%), Root (6spp, 5.04%), Flower, Bark (5spp, 4.20%), Bulb and Bulb juice have 1 species with 0.84% the dominance leaves and fruit shows similar result with ^[17, 18] (Fig 1)

3.4 Forms and mode of utilization

Medicinal plants were used locally for various types of common disorders which were divided into 21 groups into 21 therapeutic classes (as shown in table no 2) in which 8 as carminative, 8 for treatment of fever, 4 as sedatives, 11 for treating Dysentery, 9 was anti-diabetic, 4 for hypertension, 9 for the treating constipation, 6 for antidiuretic, 7 as asthma, 13 for treating diarrhea, 5 as expectorant, 11 for coughs, 5 for treating Rheumatism, 5 as Antispasmodic, 5 for malaria, 4 as anthelmintic, 3 for treating toothaches, 1 as astringent, 3 as demulcent, 3 for vomiting and 7 for the treating cancer.

3.5 Quantitative study

3.5.1 Relative frequency citation (RFC)

Relative Frequency citation (RFC) indicates the local importance of a species which is using by the local inhabitants. The highest RFC values were recorded for (0.44) followed by *Mentha arvensis* (0.39), *Mentha logifolia* (0.37),

Papaver somniferum (0.35), *Momordica charantia* (0.32), *Allium cepa*, *Foeniculum vulgare* (0.30 each), *Punica granatum* (0.29), *Capsicum frutescens* (0.26), *Ammi vesnaga* (0.25), *Spinach oleraceae* (0.23) and *Eriobotrya japonica* (0.20). The highest RFC value is shown by the *Allium Sativa* (0.44) while the lowest RFC value is shown by *Cuscuta reflex* and *Solanum nigrum* (0.009). [Fig 2]

3.5.2 Family Importance Value (FIV)

Family importance value (FIV) indicated that Apiaceae (92.38) was the leading family, followed by Lamiaceae (80.95), Alliaceae (75.23), Asteraceae (55.23), Cucurbitaceae (50.47), Moraceae (49.52), and Rosaceae (40). The least value of FIV was observed for Cactaceae (0.90) followed by Convolvulaceae, Meliaceae (1.90 each), Verbenaceae, Zygophyllaceae (2.85 each), Caryophyllaceae (3.85), and Sapotaceae, Ranunculaceae (3.80 each) (Fig.7) result was similar with. [Fig 3]

3.5.3 Conservation status

Conservation status showed that most of the medicinal plants were rare (34 spp, 41.97%), followed by vulnerable (32 spp, 39.50%), infrequent (12 spp, 14.81%) and the endangered were (3 spp, 3.70%), *Mangifera indica*, *Capsicum frutescens*, and *Vitis vinifera* ^[19]. [Fig 4]

4. Discussion

The traditional uses of medicinal plants been used by the local community for various illnesses. This study reported that people used various traditional medicines for the treatment of different ailments. Medicinal plants have been used for centuries for the treatment of various ailments ^[18]. In Pakistan, approximately 6,000 species of higher plants are present in which 12% is used to ailments diseases, ^[20]. In this survey *Allium sativum*, *L. Mentha arvensis* L, *Mentha logifolia* L, *Papaver somniferum* L. *Momordica charantia* L, *Allium cepa*,

Foeniculum vulgare, *Punica granatum* were the most common species using as ant diabetic, expectorant, anti-diuretic, antiasthmatic, antispasmodic, carminative, stomachic for constipation, fever, diarrhea etc the plant was also used in more than one type disorders for their medicinal properties. The findings of our research show corroboration with ^[21, 22] stated that the fruit of *Punica granatum* is taken as cardiac and stomachic; rind of the fruit is useful in diarrhea, dysentery, and itching. Some species, *Amaranthus viridus*, *Catharanthus roseus*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Solanum nigrum* were infrequent their local uses very less in the area and used for one type of disorders, inflammation, snake bite, antipyretic, cancer treatment ^[23, 24]. Reported that *Solanum nigrum* is used as antipyretic. Local people were mostly dependent on indigenous plants for the treatment of diseases as *Mangifera indica*, are frequently used for asthma, Heat stock and as astringent, *Capsicum frutescens* for stomach burning, Diarrhea, intestinal gas remover, and *Vitis vinifera* were used for cholera, eye inflammation, wound treatment, etc. These species were found to be at high risk, and going to be extinct promptly due to certain abiotic and biotic factors. As per an estimate, about 60,000 out of 2, 87, 655 species of plants known in the world are facing the threat of extinction. 11,824 species were evaluated for their threat status as per the revised 1994, IUCN Red List Categories; of these 8321 species are now on the IUCN Red List 2004 (Martain GJ. 1995, IUCN. 2001^[25-26]). The population of medicinal plants decreases with the increase of Population, marketing pressure on medicinal plants, harvesting, burning, lack of knowledge, grazing etc. In Pakistan little attention has been paid to the ethno botanical values of medicinal plants ^[27-28]. So the most important thing is that to protect the medicinal plants and promote awareness among the local inhabitants. We hope this study will encourage the local people to protect, care and preserve these plants for the coming generation.

Table 1: Ethno botanical use of Plant species in the local area

Botanical name		Family	Local name	Habit	Part use	Application	*FC	**RF C	FIV	1	2	3	4	5	Conservation status
1	<i>Allium sativum</i> L.	Alliaceae	Ooga	H	Leaves/ Bulb	Effective in blood pressure,	47	0.44	75.23	3	1	4	0	8	Vulnerable
2	<i>Allium cepa</i> L.		Pyaz	H	Leaves / Bulb Juice	Anti-Diabetic, hypertension, and ear disease Effective in Expectorant, Diuretic, Anti-Diabetic and cough	32	0.30		3	1	4	0	8	Vulnerable
3	<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	Anacardiaceae	Aam	T	Fruit /seed	The seed is using for asthma and as astringent and fruit is for heatstroke	20	0.19	19.04	2	0	0	2	4	Endangered
4	<i>Achyranthus aspera</i> L.	Amaranthaceae	Spaebotay	H	Stem /Root	Used for, toothaches, headache problems, and stomach pain and troubles	3	0.02	6.66	3	3	4	0	10	Rare
5	<i>Amaranthus viridis</i> L.		Ghanhar	H	Leaves /stem	Mostly effective in inflammation and snake bite	4	0.03		3	1	4	4	12	Infrequent
6	<i>Coriandrum sativum</i> L.	Apiaceae	Danya	H	Leaves/ seeds	Anti-Diabetic, Carminative and Digestive It increase the milk production in women, It also used as a carminative	14	0.13	92.38	3	1	4	0	8	Vulnerable
7	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> mill		Kagga	H	Seed	Used for the increase of vision, anthelmintic and carminative	30	0.28		0	2	4	2	8	Vulnerable
8	<i>Daucus carota</i> L.		Ghajar	H	Root	Used For Stomach burning and digestion, intestinal gas, diarrhea, and stomach pain	5	0.04		3	2	4	0	9	Rare
9	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i> L.		Tour march	T	Fruit	Especially used for abdomen pain, kidney stone, and digestive problems.	21	0.20		0	2	0	2	4	Endangered
10	<i>Ammi vesnaga</i> (L.) Lam		Sperkaye	S	Fruit		27	0.25		2	1	4	2	9	Rare
11	<i>Calotropis procera</i> (Aiton W.T)	Asclepiadaceae	Spulmay	S	Leaves/ Stem	Used for the stomach ulcers, toothaches, joint pain and constipation	16	0.15	28.57	2	3	2	4	11	Rare
12	<i>Carollum tuberculata</i> N.E. Brown		Pamankay	H	Leaves	For diabetes, Rheumatism, paralysis, fever and malaria	14	0.13		2	3	2	4	11	Rare
13	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> L.	Asteraceae	Kerbotta	H	Whole plant	Used for plasmodium disease and skin inflammation	7	0.06	55.23	3	3	4	0	10	Rare
14	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> L.		Gheshkay	H	Leaves /Root	Used for Urinary diseases, anti-malaria Demulcent	15	0.14		3	3	4	4	14	Infrequent
15	<i>Sonchus asper</i> L.		Shodapay	H	/Seed	Used for Diuretic problems, anti-tumor, sedative anti-malarial, anti-cancer	5	0.04		3	3	4	3	13	Infrequent
16	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> webber		Boodabooda	H	Flower	Effective in liver, heart disorder and Diuretic problems	13	0.12		3	3	4	0	10	Rare
17	<i>Calendula officinalis</i> L.		Ziargullay	H	Whole plant	For the prevention of fever, muscle spasms, ulcers and cancer.	6	0.05		3	3	4	3	13	Infrequent
18	<i>Silybum marianum</i> (L.) Gactn		Wrijakaye	H	Flower	Using for Tuberculosis, cough, Expectorant	10	0.09		3	3	4	2	12	Rare
19	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> (L.) G. Don		Spenn/zyar Gul	H	Fruit	For the cancer treatment and childhood leukemia, dermatitis and skin disease	2	0.01		3	3	4	3	13	Infrequent
20	<i>Brassica campestris</i> L.	Brassicaceae	Sharsham	H	Leaves /seed	For the increase milk production in cattle, hair strength, and skin inflammation and muscle spasms	19	0.18	18.09	3	1	4	4	12	Rare
21	<i>Opuntia littoralis</i> (Engelm.)	Cactaceae	Zoqam	S	Fruit /Stem	Using for wound, burns, diabetes and hypertension	20	0.19	19.04	2	3	1	2	8	Vulnerable
22	<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.	Cannabaceae	Bung	H	Leaves	They are sedative, anti-cancer, reduce anxiety, depression, vomiting, epilepsy and nausea	15	0.14	14.28	3	3	4	4	14	infrequent
23	<i>Stellaria media</i> (L.) Cry	Caryophyllaceae	Speen stargay	H	Whole plant	For the relief of pain in the digestive system and constipation	3	0.02	3.85	2	3	4	0	9	Rare
24	<i>Chenopodium album</i> L.	Chenopodiaceae	Sagge	H	Leaves /stem	Especially using for bones, and cardiac disorders, laxative, digestive	9	0.08	32.38	3	1	4	4	12	Rare
25	<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.		Palak	H	Whole plant	Used for Rheumatism, heart disease, Anti-oxidant	25	0.23		3	1	4	0	8	Vulnerable
26	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i> L.	Convolvulaceae	Prewataye	H	Leaves /stem	Purgative, effective for skin inflammation	2	0.01	1.90	3	3	4	4	14	Infrequent
27	<i>Momordica charantia</i> L.	Cucurbitaceae	Karela	H	Fruit /leaves	Using for Sugar, and blood pressure, Anti-cancer, anti-virus, and anti-inflammation	34	0.32	50.47	3	1	4	2	10	Infrequent
28	<i>Luffa cylindrica</i> (L.) Roem		Tori	H	Fruit/leaves	For cardiac diseases and expectorant, cold, chest pain	5	0.04		3	1	4	2	10	Vulnerable
29	<i>Cucurbita maxima</i> Duchesne		Kado	H	Fruit/leaves	muscle pain	14	0.13		3	1	4	2	10	Vulnerable

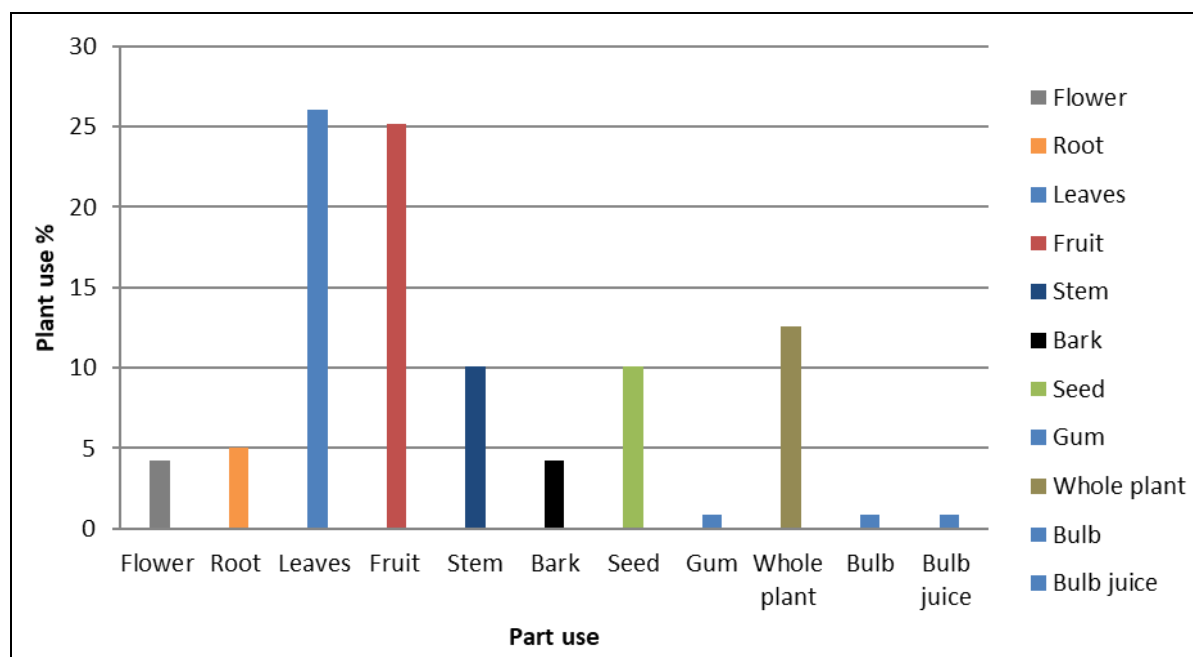
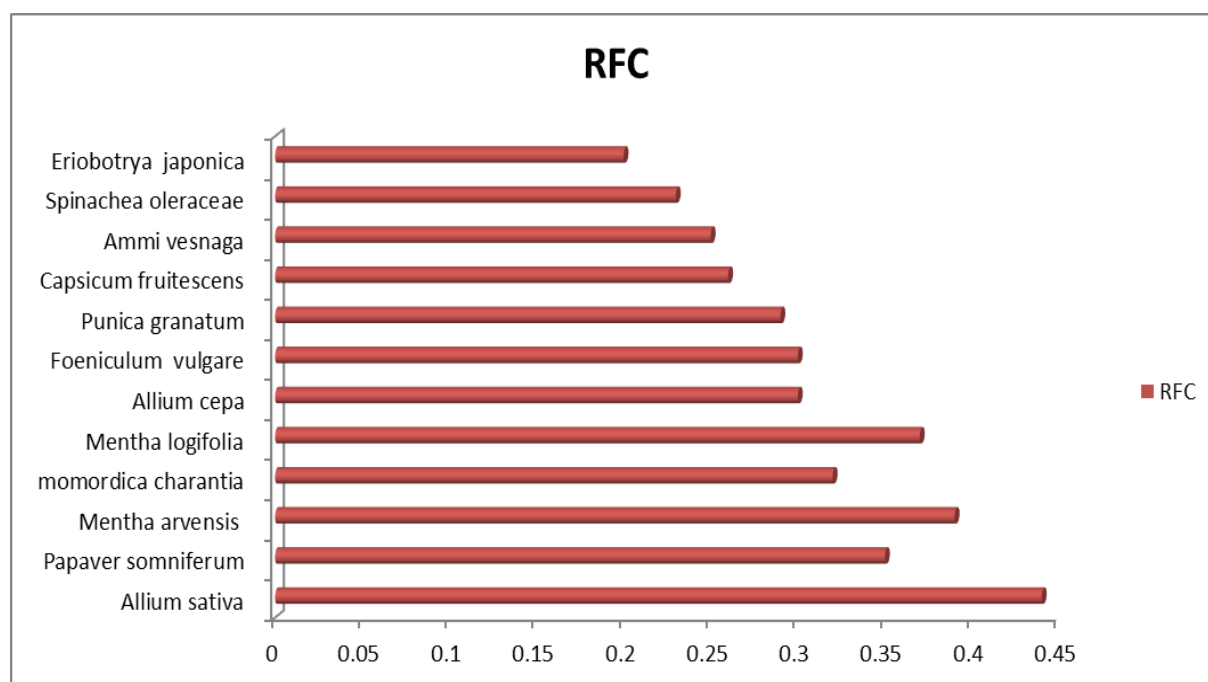
						For Diuretic disorders, kidney disease, ulcers, inflammation and diuretic									
30	<i>Cuscuta reflex</i> Roxb.	Cuscutaceae	Akash Bail	H	Whole plant	It is Anti-Rheumatic, carminative	1	0.009	0.95	2	3	4	0	9	Rare
31	<i>Diospyrus kaki</i> L.	Ebinaceae	Soramlok	T	Fruit	Used for the treatment of constipation, diarrhea, and dry cough	8	0.07	15.23	2	1	0	2	5	Vulnerable
32	<i>Diospyrus lotus</i> L.		Tour amlok	T	Fruit	Using for Dysentery, tumor, diarrhea, diabetes, and hypertension	8	0.07		2	1	0	2	5	Vulnerable
33	<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i> L.	Euphorbiaceae	Purporai	H	Whole plant	Skin diseases such as irritation and swelling	14	0.13	15.23	2	3	4	0	9	Rare
34	<i>Ricinus communis</i> L.		Pomba	S	Root	For the anti-inflammation, and antihistamine	2	0.01		2	3	0	0	5	Vulnerable
35	<i>Fumaria indica</i> (Hausskn.)	Fumariaceae	Papra	H	Whole plant	For Diuretic, cooling effect, laxative, anthelmintic.	7	0.06	6.66	3	3	4	0	10	Rare
36	<i>Equisetum arvense</i> L.	Equisetaceae	Bandakay	H	Stem	For cold, tuberculosis, asthma Kidney stone and urinary tract infection Also used for intestine infection in animals	10	0.09	9.52	1	3	4	1	9	Rare
37	<i>Juglanregia</i> L.	Juglandaceae	Ghoz	T	Bark/ Fruit	Brain tonic and using for cleaning of teeth and gums	12	0.11	11.42	2	1	0	2	5	Vulnerable
38	<i>Mentha arvensis</i> L.	Lamiaceae	Podina	H	Whole plant	For vomiting, Diarrhea, digestion asthma, fever, cold, headaches and influenza disease	41	0.39	80.95	3	1	4	0	8	Vulnerable
39	<i>Mentha longifolia</i> L.		Venaly	H	Whole plant	Used for Diarrhea Dysentery vomiting constipation, fever and headaches	39	0.37		3	1	4	0	8	Vulnerable
40	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> L.		Kashmaly	S	Leaves	Carminative, anti-spasmodic and For oral disease treatment such as tongue and throat inflammation	5	0.04		3	3	4	4	14	Infrequent
41	<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> (L.)	Malvaceae	Bendi	H	Fruit /seed	Effective for irritation in urinary system.	16	0.15	22.85	3	1	4	2	10	Rare
42	<i>Malva neglecta</i> wallr.		Panderak	H	Root	Demulcent , Gas remover and for Digestive problem such as constipation, Diarrhea	8	0.07		2	3	3	0	8	Rare
43	<i>Melia azedarach</i> L.	Meliaceae	Tora shanday	T	Leaves /Fruit	For hair strength and growth, using also for the reduction cattle of fever.	2	0.01	1.90	3	3	0	4	10	Rare
44	<i>Acacia nilotica</i> L.	Mimosaceae	Kikar	T	Bark	For the control of chest pain, cough, and fever, anti-helmenthic.	5	0.04	12.38	2	3	0	1	6	Vulnerable
45	<i>Acacia modesta</i> wall.		Palosa	T	Bark/Gum	For the smoothing purposes and	3	0.02		2	3	0	1	6	Vulnerable
46	<i>Albizia lebbek</i> Beath		Benth siris	T	Seed /Bark	Expectorant. Using as a tonic, hypertension, dysentery, anti-cough, and stomachaches	5	0.04		2	3	0	2	7	Vulnerable
47	<i>Morus negra</i> L.	Moraceae	Tour tot	T	Fruit/leaves	Effective for cough, chest relief, and for the increase of body temperature	11	0.10	49.52	3	2	0	2	7	Vulnerable
48	<i>Ficus carica</i> L.		Ghat Inzar	T	Fruit	For the control of blood pressure, sugar and Digestive gas remover.	10	0.09		3	3	0	2	8	Vulnerable
49	<i>Morus alba</i> L.		Speen tot	T	Fruit /leaves	Effective for cough ,chest relief and for the increase of body temperature	11	0.10		3	2	0	2	7	Vulnerable
50	<i>Ficus palmate</i> Forssk		Waroki inzar	T	Fruit	For the control of blood pressure ,sugar and Digestive gas remover	10	0.09		3	3	0	2	7	Vulnerable
51	<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i> (L.) Vent		Shahtot	T	Fruit	For the dysentery, diuretic, ophthalmic and tonic	10	0.09		3	3	0	2	8	Vulnerable
52	<i>Pasidium guajava</i> L.	Myrtaceae	Amrod	T	Fruit	Using for stomach burning, Diarrhea, constipation, asthma and Dysentery	13	0.12	30.47	3	1	0	2	6	Vulnerable
53	<i>Eucalyptus lanceolatus</i> Honey		Lachi	T	Fruit /seed/leaves	For the throat infection ,vomiting ,Diarrhea and anti-malaria	19	0.18		2	2	0	2	6	Vulnerable
54	<i>Olea ferruginea</i> Royle	Oleaceae	Khona	T	Fruit	Effective in blood pressure, sugar and other cordial disorders	12	0.11	11.42	2	2	0	2	6	Vulnerable
55	<i>Oxalis cuniculata</i> L.	Oxalidaceae	Trewakay	H	Whole plant	for the injuries, fever, wounds , snake, dog bite, kidney and urine problems	16	0.15	15.23	3	3	4	0	10	Rare
56	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.	Papeveraceae	Apeem	H	seed	Using as stimulant of brain, analgesic, sedative, dysentery,			35.23						

						headaches and calmness	37	0.35		1	3	4	2	10	Rare
57	<i>Delbergiasisso</i> Roxb. Ex Dc	Papilionaceae	shawar	T	Root /leaves	Expectorant, For the skin diseases, blood diseases, dysentery and nausea problems	8	0.07	7.61	3	3	0	4	10	Rare
58	<i>Adiantum capillus –veneris</i> L	Pteridaceae	Not known	H	Whole plant	Using for cough ,throat infection,headaches and chest congestion	9	0.08	8.57	1	3	3	0	7	Vulnerable
59	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.)	Poaceae	kabal	H	Whole plant	Using for asthma, and have laxative properties	3	0.02	29.52	3	3	4	0	10	Rare
60	<i>Zea mays</i> L		Jowar	H	Seed	For the blood pressure, kidney stone, diabetes and bladder inflammation.	9	0.08		3	0	4	2	9	Rare
61	<i>Triticum estivum</i> L		Ghanam	H	Seed/stem	For the cancer, sore throat, constipation, and cough	15	0.14		3	0	4	2	9	Rare
62	<i>Avena sativa</i> L.		Jaodar	H	Seed /stem	Using for the insomnia, headaches, and epilepsy	4	0.03		3	3	4	2	12	Rare
63	<i>Rumex dentatus</i> L	Polygonaceae	Shalkhay	H	Leaves	They are anti-diuretic, demulcent toothaches, nausea, pain and for liver diseases	9	0.08	8.57	3	2	4	4	13	Infrequent
64	<i>Punica granatum</i> L	Punicaceae	Anar	T	Fruit	For the treatment of dysentery and diarrhea ,urinary infections ,sore throats and cough and as cardiac	31	0.29	29.52	3	0	0	2	5	Vulnerable
65	<i>Ranunculus muricalus</i> L	Ranunculaceae	Jaghagha	H	Whole plant	Effective in urinary tract infection and dysentery	4	0.03	3.80	3	3	4	0	10	Rare
66	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> L	Rosaceae	Khubani	T	Fruit	Using for constipation, dysentery ,and chest related disorders	14	0.13	40	3	1	0	2	6	Vulnerable
67	<i>Rosa webbiana</i> wall.ex		Janghali	S	Flower	For the stomach pain, asthma, and pain reliever	7	0.06		2	3	3	3	11	Rare
68	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> (thumb)		ghulab	T	Fruit	Using for anti-cancer, blood pressure, and dysentery and Diarrhea	21	0.20		3	1	0	2	6	Vulnerable
69	<i>Citrus indica</i> L	Rutaceae	Naraj	S	Leaves /Fruit	Leaves using during constipation, Diarrhea, cough, fever and the dried fruit is using for the tooth polishing and brightness	19	0.18	18.09	3	2	0	2	7	Vulnerable
70	<i>Dodona viscosa</i> (L.) Jacq	Sapindaceae	Ghoraskay	S	Stem /leaves	Effective in rheumatism, sore throat and colds	6	0.05	5.71	3	3	0	4	10	Rare
71	<i>Manilkara zapota</i> (L.) P.Royen	Sapotaceae	Cheko	T	Fruit	For the fever ,wound ,ulcers ,gallstone, diarrhea and indigestion	4	0.03	3.80	2	2	0	2	6	Vulnerable
72	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i> L.	Scrophulariaceae	Harghwagh	H	Leaves	Emollient, effective in rheumatism, cancer and cough	13	0.12	12.38	3	3	3	4	13	Infrequent
73	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (mill) swingle	Simarubaceae	Spena shandye	T	Leaves /bark	They are anti- Anthelmintic, using for dysentery and diarrhea	8	0.07	7.61	3	3	0	4	10	Rare
74	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> mill	Solanaceae	Tamatar	H	Fruit	Locally using for insect bites and skin soften rheumatism and headaches	14	0.13	25.71	3	0	4	2	9	Rare
75	<i>Datura metel</i> L.		Datura	S	Leaves/Fruit	Sedative, Analgesic For the insomnia, relaxation, anti-asthmatic and hypotonic	7	0.06		2	3	3	4	10	Rare
76	<i>Solanum nigrum</i> L		Kachmacho	H	Leaves /stem	They are antipyretic, pain killer, stimulant, and anti-Diabetic	1	0.009		3	3	4	3	14	Infrequent
77	<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i> L		Rat ki rani	H	Flower	For the anti-oxidant, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-HIV, and Analgesic	5	0.04		2	3	0		8	Vulnerable
78	<i>Verbena officinalis</i> Linn.	Verbenaceae	Shamakai	H	Whole plant	For the stomachaches, pain, increasing milk flow, spasms, and kidney disease	3	0.02	2.85	2	3	4	0	9	Rare
79	<i>Vitis vinifera</i> L	Vitaceae	Angor	T	Fruit/leaves	For the cholera, smallpox, eyes inflammation and, nausea diseases	17	0.16	16.19	2	0	0	2	4	Endangered
80	<i>Aloe vera</i> (L.) Burm .f., Fl.	Xanthorrhoeaceae	Kamalpanhra	H	Leaves /stem	For skin smoothing, healing and wound agent, anti-oxidant, and anti-bacterial	12	0.11	11.42	2	3	0	4	9	Rare
81	<i>Peganum harmala</i> L.	Zygophyllaceae	Spelanay	H	Whole plant	They kill lice, skin cancer, skin inflammation, and anti-septic	3	0.02	2.85	2	3	4	0	9	Rare

Note: H= Herb, s=shrub, T= Tree, FC = Frequency Citation, RFC = Relative Frequency Citation, FIV =Family importance value.

Table 2: Disorder showed by Plant species

Disorders	Plant species	Disorders	Plant species	Disorders	Plant species	Disorders	Plant species
Carminative	8 species	Anti-diabetic	9	Malaria	5	Asthma	7
Sedative	4	Rheumatism	5	Demulcent	3	Expectorant	5
Hypertension	4	Constipation	9	Anthelmintic	4	Fever	8
Cough	11	Diuretic	6	Toothaches	2	Spasmodic	5
Dysentery	11	Diarrhea	13	Cancer	7	Vomiting	3

**Fig 1:** Part use in the area**Fig 2:** High Relative frequency citation of species

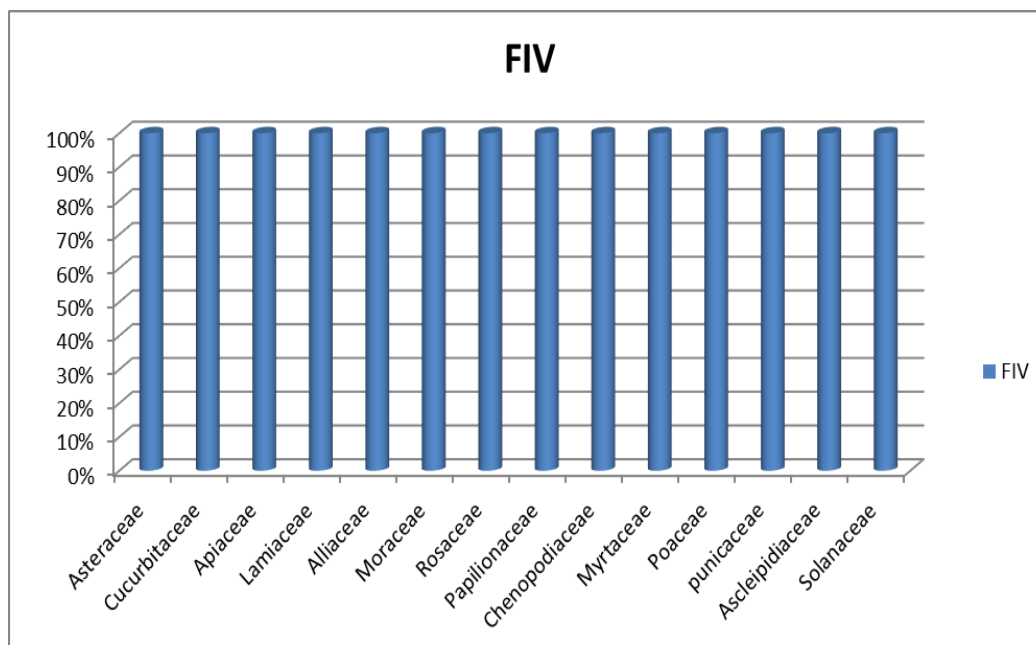


Fig 3: Family importance Value of most cited species

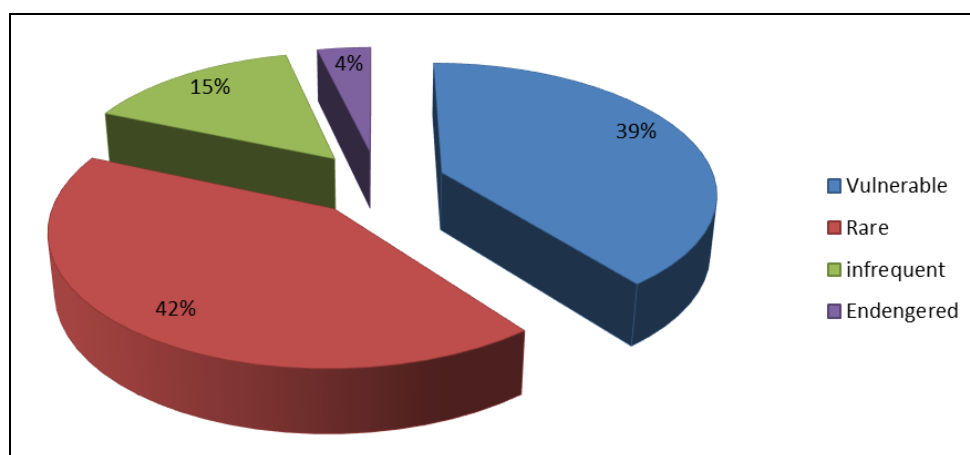


Fig 4: Conservation status of medicinal plants

5. Conclusion

The study showed that the area has a great diversity of plants using for different ailments. The plants utilization and cutting increase day by day for different purposes. The diseases are increasing day by day, it may cause a great threat to the flora of district Charsadda. The survey aims to aware about valuable plants and to protect them from extinction. The old people are aware of the accurate knowledge of medicinal plants, it is needed to preserve this knowledge for the next generation.

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