

ACONITUM- HISTORY, IMPORTANCE & CONSERVATION STATUS IN UTTARAKHAND

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ABSTRACT

Aconitum species are distributed in different parts of world viz., Europe, Asia and in the Himalayas including Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan and South Tibet. These are used in different indigenous traditional medicinal system as well as in Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicine. In Uttarakhand, important medicinal species of this genus are found in majority. Some of these are now identified at different level of threat. The present article is an effort to layout the historical perspectives and medicinal importance of this genus as well as ensue the research work intended for its conservation with special reference to Uttarakhand.

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