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### ABSTRACT

Ethiopia has a wide range of topographical diversity which have a tropical, sub-tropical and temperate climatic condition. Due to this, the country has many diverse plant species. The resident of the country is highly dependent on trees and shrubs for their livelihood. Many studies showed that traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) has enormous advantageous to conserve plant species. By using this knowledge local inhabitants use forests for different purposes such as; food, medicinal, construction, ornamental and spiritual purposes. However, knowledge transfer on the use of trees and shrubs was depending on age and gender. The younger and women have little knowledge due to the mysterious use of knowledge of elder people. It is recommended to investigate further achievements on knowledge transfer of the traditional use of plants among traditional healers. Special training should be given for those who have indigenous knowledge how to transfer knowledge, how to manage and use plants in a sustainable way.



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