Biodiversity Conservation: Sacred Groves in Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District

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Abstract: Sacred groves conserving plant diversity (1). Sacred groves are distributed over a wide eco system & help in conservation of rare & endemic species (1). Sacred grove is one of the first instance of traditional conservation. Conservation of biodiversity has been possible in many ways. A survey on the sacred groves in Palayamkottai area, Tirunelveli district was made. Tree worship is a common practice of Hindu religion in India. Such trees are usually preserved by the people out of fear & religious sentiment. In the present survey, it was observed that 8 temple harbour sacred groves. Since most of these preserved, the plant species with its medicinal value.

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