



Medicinal Plants in Ghana: conservation and sustainable use

The importance of home gardens

The need for home gardens

Cultivation of medicinal plants in home gardens is an effective way of reducing over-collection from the wild.

Plants are then close to home and much easier to harvest.

People don't have to spend a long time searching for plants, which may be difficult to find if the habitat has been destroyed.

Cultivation reduces the risk of accidental poisoning, as a result of the wrong plants being used.

Supporting home gardens

To support development of medicinal plant home gardens, a nursery has been established at Aburi Botanic Garden.

This will provide a source of material for village use.

A 50 acre medicinal plant demonstration at the garden has been established so that visitors can see the plants for themselves.

A manual has been developed, explaining the best way to propagate and cultivate different species.



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