SOME MEDICINAL PLANTS GATHERED FROM NATURAL AREAS

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Abstract

The Black Sea Region located in temperate climate zone of Turkey has quite rich flora and vegetation. In this vegetation, there are many medicinal plants that consumed and collected from the nature by local people. The most common ones are; *Trachystemon orientalis*, *Ornithogalum sigmoideum/O. orthopyllum*, *Oenanthe pimpinelloides*, *Smilax aspera*, *S. excelsa* and *Urtica dioica*. The plant mixture is defined as "yazı pancarı" by local people who contain several different plant species. The present study gathered data from public market surveys about consumed parts of plants, medicinal properties of them, encountered problems of collectors and consumers, future threats awaiting these plants, the issues to be considered in terms of consumption of some of these gathered plants from nature in villages of Samsun province and districts.

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