

BOOK REVIEW

"Management of Biological Diversity of Indian Forests with Special Reference to Southern Forest Types.

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Biodiversity is the totality of genes, species and ecosystems in the region and reflects in the variation in living organisms including plants, animals, microbes, etc. India is recognized as a country uniquely rich in all aspects of biodiversity. It has perhaps the largest array of environmental stipulations in view of its tropical location, varied physical features and climatic types. Peninsular India harbours rich flora and fauna by virtue of its vast physiographic divisions and land forms including Western ghats, Eastern ghats, North Deccan plateau, South Deccan plateau, Eastern plateau, etc. The book "Management of Biological Diversity of Indian Forests" written by S. Kondas is comprehensive document on all aspects of biodiversity especially of southern forest types. Author not only deals with diversity of rich forest vegetation but also gives details of all related characters including its classification, vegetative characteristics, floristics of forest vegetation, its ecology and concept, ecological adaptation and its dynamics, etc. To make the book more relevant for practising foresters, scholars and teachers, author has given comprehensive account of various forest types, tribal situation, Sanctuaries, National park, Zoos, Biosphere reserves, Biodiversity hotspots, Ecoregions, endemism, concept of extinction, anthropogenic pressure, etc. Book also has important and updated information on various environmental conventions and meetings on burning topics including the Convention on biological diversity, 1992; Kyoto protocol, 1997; Millennium ecosystem assessment, 2005; Global biodiversity outlook, 2006; UN climate change conference (Bali, 2007, Copenhagen, 2009) and also topics on carbon credit, clean development mechanism, bioprospecting, patents, forest legislation, biological diversity Act, 2002, etc. The book dispels all basic, traditional and recent subjects on biological diversity of Indian forests. It is a comprehensive, conclusive and useful document to all those who are interested to gain knowledge of forest biodiversity of peninsular India.

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