

A Rural Gift and Blessing to Urban Commodity

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ABSTRACT

Perceptions on Inter-generational learning of traditional medicinal knowledge and intergenerational cultural heritage on Frankincense and medicinal plants -A case Study in Oman. The understanding of Traditional ecological knowledge related to the learning, transfer of knowledge on the management and conservation of frankincense trees and medicinal plants in Oman is of interest. Traditional medicinal Intergenerational learning processes, and certain wild medicinal plants are becoming scarce due to a variety of changes in land use and reduction of biodiversity. The argument in scholarships is that the erosion of people's knowledge associated with natural resources might even be a greater threat than the erosion of the natural resources themselves. This research aims to contribute to the advancement of knowledge by enhancing our understanding of the role played by Intergenerational knowledge transfer in the management and governance of frankincense trees and medicinal plants in Oman. The primary objective of this study is to identify and describe the key components of inter-generational forms of learning traditional local ethnobotanical knowledge that regulate management and harvesting practices, with the overarching goal of ensuring the long-term survival and productivity of frankincense trees and medicinal plants in the country. This study explores the attitudes of local communities towards traditional harvesting and conservation practices on frankincense and important medicinal plants. It could serve to document and preserve traditional knowledge on this millennial old vital cultural heritage which could inform contemporary efforts for sustainable social, environmental, economic development of Frankincense ecology and crucial medicinal plants. The outcome of the study would provide valuable insights into the nexus between traditional ethnobotanical knowledge and the conservation of frankincense trees and medicinal plants as a cultural heritage in Oman in efforts to bridge traditional knowledge and scientific knowledge.

