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Tripura has a valuable heritage of herbal medicine and consider as a biological hotspot. The rural peoples and tribes of the state still depend on nature for food, healthcare and shelter. This paper highlights the rich plant resources and the vast wealth of traditional ethanobotanical information available with the people of the state. Very few researchers have reported the utilization of the different plant species by the people of Tripura in their indigenous health care system, but the proper research on those plant and include them in the modern system of medicine is comparatively less. It is believed that still a lot of medicinal plants and their folk uses have remained endemic to certain tribes of the state. Therefore, many more studies are required on the ethanobotanical aspect in the region, and also needs further biological, pharmacological and phytochemical investigation on different medicinal plant depending upon their ethanobotanical uses which may provide meaningful ways for promotion of traditional herbal medicinal plants for the benefit of mankind at large. Degradation of biodiversity is a great problem for existence of medicinal plants. So, proper utilization and conservation of medicinal plants of Tripura need for harnessing bio-resources and translating it to economic product.

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