RESEARCH ON THE UTILIZATION VALUES OF NTFP PLANTS IN PHU QUOC NATIONAL PARK, KIEN GIANG PROVINCE

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SUMMARY

Located on an island in the South of Vietnam, Phu Quoc National park has its own natural characteristics of geographic location, terrain and seaisland creating many types of forestry ecosystems as broad-leaf forest, semi-submerged forest and mangrove forest with many species of trees and different forms of life. This study evaluated the variety of NTFP plants based on the utilizing values of the species in the National park. The results recorded that there are 582 NTFP plant species belonging to 381 genera, 126 families in 4 vascular plant divisions. The value of use is divided into 7 groups such as: Medicinal group has 464 species; Edible plant group has 91 species; Aesthetic and shade group has 110 species; Fatty oil and aromatic tree group has 34 species; Tannin, dye and plastic wax group has 47 species; Fiber and yarn tree group has 42 species; another values group has 63 species. The study also proposed the selection of some NTFPs species with high economic value to develope in the area.

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