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The Angiospermic Phytodiversity of Chilka Lagoon, the Pride of Odisha, India: A Review

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ABSTRACT Chilka is the largest estuarine water body at the East-Coast of Peninsular India, in Odisha state. This communication presents an account of 153 Angiosperm plants reported from the Chilka lagoon, its islands and shore line facing the Bay of Bengal. This study also adds three new species of Pteridophytes to the recorded list so far of South Odisha, vide earlier reports. Protection majors necessary to conserve the environment of Chilka, is discussed.