

Conservation and Management of Community and Natural Resources: A Case Study from North East India

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ABSTRACT From the days of origin, men develop a close relation with nature. Nature provides the raw materials to build and develop culture. As the indigenous people are living on the mercy of nature, they are to develop various measures to conserve and manage the community and natural resources for the security of larger social system. The present paper examined the various conservation processes that have been developed by certain indigenous communities of Northeast India. The examples cited clearly indicate the strategic measures adopted by each community with regard to process of storing, utilization of plants and herbs, conserving the sacred grooves etc. It is also observed that community fair has developed because of close relations of environment and community life. The paper also indicates the knowledge system with emphasis on the traditional knowledge that had developed depending on cultural values.