

## Role of Tribals in Collection of Commercial Non-Timber Forest Products in Mayurbhanj District, Orissa

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**ABSTRACT** Investigations have been made on medicinal values of higher plants but the role of Non-timber forest products (NTFPs) on the livelihood of tribals in Mayurbhanj district of Orissa are unfortunately ignored. The dominant tribes involved in using NTFPs in the district are *Santhal*, *Kol*, *Bhumija*, *Bhuyan*, *Mahalis*, *Sounti* and *Saharas*. This study documents the uses and trading of 37 NTFPS on the basis of field surveys and taxonomic identification of plants. Some of the important genera of the district are *Cyperus*, *Desmodium*, *Blumea*, *Dendrobium*, *Indigofera* and *Ficus*.