

Impact of wood carving industry on *Wrightia* population at Budhani Village, Madhya Pradesh”

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The following were objectives of the study:

- To study the impacts of extraction on the ecological status of the *Wrightia* species by comparing two sites one protected (Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary) and one exploited (Budhani Production range); and;
- To study various harvesting techniques of the species in the Natural forests.

The study found that the on account of ban on harvesting of this species, there has been illegal and hence destructive harvesting leading to declining regeneration through coppicing in the production forest. It was also found that the species is also cut in the protected area for use as fuel wood as other species preferred for fuel wood are not available. The study, therefore, has suggested that this species may be included in the management plan and allowed for harvesting through sustainable practices by the forest department.