Research Project of Trainees from Thailand

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General Information

a. **Topic:** Herbal Plants of Thailand and it’s significant to the Indigenous People.

b. **Research Location:** Lisu villages of Chiangrai Province and Hmong villages of Chiang Mai Province, Thailand.
c. Research Objectives:

- Documentation of the knowledge and uses related to herbs in the communities.
- Revival of the knowledge and uses of the Herbs
d. Research Problems:

1. To identify the herbs that have been closely linked with the IP’s life
2. To identify the uses/purposes of the herbs
3. To identify person/people who have the knowledge of the uses of the herbs.
d. Research Problems:

4. To re-introduce the herbs and its uses to the younger generation
5. Reluctance of sharing of the knowledge on the herbs by people who have the knowledge
6. Prohibition of access to the forests- parks, protected areas – by the government
e. Purposes:

1. Direct benefit to the community from the knowledge and uses of the herbs
2. Sharing of the knowledge on herbal plants among the IPs of Thailand
- Introduction
- List of the Herbs – Uses and Location
- Existence of the herbs today
- Importance of the herbs in the life of the IPs – social, economic and political (if any)
- Gender roles in the uses and conservation of the herbs
- How to re-teach the knowledge of the herbs to the younger generation
- Conclusion/Recommendation

Potential Reference:
1. Investigating in Natural Capital: the Ecological Economic Approach to Sustainability
2. Medicinal Plants: A Global Heritage
3. Uncultivated Food and Plants
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