Indigenous Knowledge System of Zootherapeutic Use by Chakhesang Tribe of Nagaland, India

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ABSTRACT Zootherapeutic use of different animals and animal parts to treat common human ailments like wound, child delivery, burn, swelling, stomach pain, anaemia, bone fracture, gastritis, malarial fever, urethritis, constipation, cough, asthma, dysentery, chicken pox etc. among Chakhesang tribe of Phek district, Nagaland has been discussed. Detail information has been obtained on the traditional therapeutic use of twenty three different animal species of which certain become rare or endangered. The authors suggest for establishment of human-nature interaction for sustainable utilization of animal resource through domestication of wild species by means of traditional farming system.

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