

Aimed at practitioners in governmental institutions and NGOs working in Africa and Latin America, this book has been written to promote the conservation and sustainable use of wild multipurpose plant species in conservation, agriculture and forestry projects, addressing the UN Sustainable Development Goals 'to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all'.

The publication forms one of the main dissemination achievements of 'The MGU-Useful Plants Project' (UPP), developed under Kew's Millennium Seed Bank Partnership, to conserve and use sustainably wild plants important for rural communities in Botswana, Kenya, Mali, South Africa, and Mexico. Institutional partners led the project in each country, involving rural communities, local authorities and schools. A scientific approach was applied throughout.

The core of this book presents detailed species profiles of 110 plants selected for their importance to communities and livelihoods. The profiles are structured in a clear and consistent format, providing information on taxonomy and nomenclature, plant descriptions, fruit and seed structures, distribution, habitat, uses, known hazards and safety, conservation status, seed conservation, propagation and trading, along with key references from the literature.



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