

The book entitled "**Biodiversity and Sustainable Utilization of Biological Resources**" is a result of National Conference on Sustainable Utilization of Biological Resources, held, during 16-18 March, 2001, at Department of Botany, Dr. H.S. Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.), India. The present book contains articles presented by eminent scientists of the country on varied aspects of related subject. It gives up-to-date information about the application of biotechnology to meet the ever increasing demand of food, medicine, crop plants and management of environment. The articles related to Botanic Gardens, aims to help quantify the global strategy for plant conservation (GSPC), adopted by the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) in 2002. This will help to reaffirm the commitment of Botanic Gardens to plant conservation, education awareness, implementation of the International Agenda for Botanic Gardens in conservation and the promotion of sustainable development and sustainable living.

Scholars and students of Botany, Ethnobotany, Agriculture, Forestry, Conservation, Ecology and Environment will find this book very useful and informative.

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