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Mangrove plants of Odisha: an ecological indicators & sources of bioactive compounds

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ABSTRACT

Mangroves are known to its unique adaptation and tolerance to salt. They have unique plant defence mechanisms which lead to synthesize diverse secondary metabolites. Proper address in this regard is urgently needed to isolate novel bioactive compounds from mangroves to fight against lethal diseases. Keeping this in view, an attempt has made to document the mangroves of Odisha as a source of bioactive compounds through literature & field survey. The results revealed that about 90 plant species found in mangroves of Odisha having future source of potent bioactive compounds. The present study highlights the importance of mangroves of Odisha in ethno-pharmacological research and formulation of new drugs against microbial resistance.

INTRODUCTION

Mangroves are the characteristic intertidal plants group that grows on the tropical and subtropical coastlines (Saenger 2002). They are considered as one of the most specialized ecological assemblages (Figure 2) of halophytes acting as a transition zone between the land and ocean (Neethu and Harilal 2018). They are the botanical amphibians occupy a desiccating heat chocking mud and salt levels that would kill an ordinary plant within hours

(Srivastava 2015). Bandaranayake (2002) classified the mangrove plants into True mangrove and Mangal associates, the true mangroves are those which are restricted to the intertidal area where as mangal associates are halophytes and may occur in transitional vegetation and they do not interact with true mangroves. The common mangroves plants are *Rhizophora mucronata* Lam., *Sonneratia alba* Sm., *Acanthus ilicifolius* L. (Plate 1F), *Avicennia officinalis* L.,

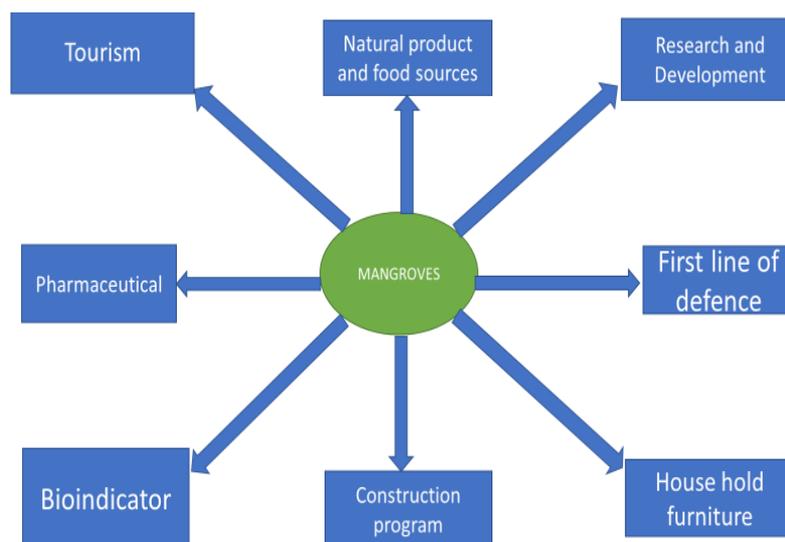


Figure 1: Importance of Mangrove plants in Odisha, India

Excoecaria agallocha L., *Bruguiera gymnorrhiza* (L.) Savigny., *Aegiceras corniculatum* (L.) Blanco, *Acrostichum aureum* L., *Aeluropus lagopoides* L., *Clerodendrum inerme* (L.) Gaertn., *Caesalpinia crista*, *Dalbergia spinosa* Roxb., *Ipomoea pes carpa* (L.) R.Br., *Drynaria quercifolia* (Linn.) J. Sm. (Plate 1E), *Xylocarpus granatum* K. D. Koenig. (Plate 1D), *Thespesia populnea* (L.) Sol. ex Correa. (Plate 1A), *Sonneratia caseolaris* (L.) Engl. (Plate 1B), *Cerbera odollam* Gaertn. (Plate 1C) and *Fimbristylis ferruginea* (L.) Vahl (Kumar and Kumara 2012). These are the group of plants (Plate 1) that have different types of morphological and physiological adaptation by which they can stand in the saline condition (Srivastava 2015). Mangrove plants contain a high source of plant secondary metabolites which have various activities in the field of medicine and pharmacy (Kumar and Dahibhate 2018). The secondary metabolites produced in the mangrove plants may help the plants to withstand in such unfavourable conditions. These secondary metabolites play an important role in different types of defence and survival mechanism (Figure 1). The bioactive compounds in mangroves belong to structural classes such as Nitrogen

containing (alkaloids and amines), terpenoids and phenolics such as phenolic acid, tannins, flavonoids and quinines (Kumar and Dahibhate 2018). The bioactive compounds and secondary metabolites from mangroves are with toxicological, pharmacological and ecological importance. Different species of mangroves are being used in traditional medicine. It also has insecticides and pesticides property. The bioactive compounds from mangroves have significance property as antioxidant and antimicrobial (Patra et al. 2011). The secondary metabolites from mangroves are used for the treatment of various diseases like dyspepsia, hepatitis, asthma, diabetes, leukemia, stomach problems, antibacterial, and antihelmintic (Kumar and Dahibhate 2018). The mangrove diversity in the Indo-West Pacific (IWP) region is higher than the Atlantic-Caribbean-East Pacific (ACEP) regions (Chapman 1976). The mangrove diversity in India is about 6.749 km² along with 7516.6 km long coastline including island. These mangroves are present in east coast about 4700 km², west coast about 850 km² and 1190 km² in Andaman and Nicobar islands (Mandal and Nashkar 2008). Indian mangroves are primarily present in the tropical and subtropical coastal region. The

mangrove occurs in estuary as well as along open coastlines (Somanta 2017). India has already lost 40% of its mangrove area during the last century (Sahu et al. 2015). Among all mangrove forest in India Sundarbans and Bhitarkanika occupy a large area and other mangrove forests are comparatively smaller. The Sunderbans of West Bengal is largest mangrove region of world followed by Bhitarkanika of Odisha. The Godavari-Krishna mangrove presents in the delta of two rivers Godavari and Krishna in Andhra Pradesh. Pichavaram

mangroves in Tamil Nadu are the home of many species of aquatic birds. In Odisha state, mangroves are located within the latitude 19° N and 22° N and longitude 85° E and 87° E. They are distributed in the 3 major zones such as mangroves of the Mahanadi delta, mangroves of the Brahmani and the Baitarani delta (Bhitarkanika) and mangroves of Balasore-Bhadrak coast (Srivastava 2015). The details about mangrove plants are listed in Table-1.

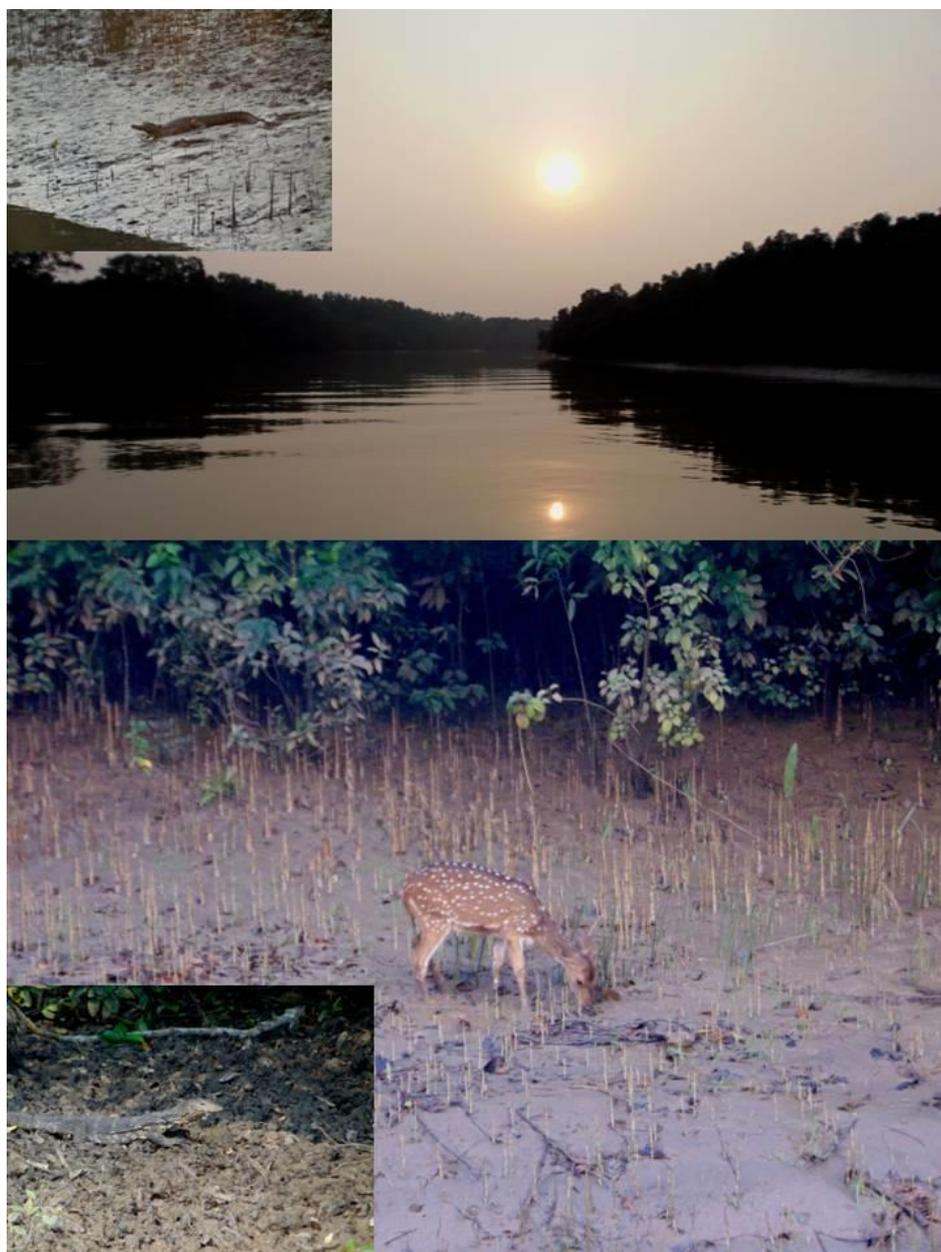


Figure 2: Panoramic view of mangroves of Odisha and their taxa

TRADITIONAL USES OF MANGROVES

The biowealth of mangroves always attract to human beings for their multi-utility potentials. The plant parts are used for various aspects (Bandarnayake 1998). The mangroves plants and its products have been used from the ancient times. In world, the mangroves were initially used in the manufacture of dwellings, furniture, boats and fishing gear, tannins for dyeing. In India traditionally these plants have been exploited for firewood and charcoal. It has also been found that the timber and wood of these plants are used in the construction of roofs and windows. In Odisha, these plants were used as fuel for cooking as well as for making furniture. The details of traditional uses listed in Table 2.

BIOACTIVE COMPOUNDS IN MANGROVES

The mangrove plants contain high amount of bioactive compounds such alkaloid, Flavonoids, amides, tannins, saponins, glycosides, terpenoides, and phenolics. These compounds may contain aromatic rings with hydroxyl or sulfur group (Mondal et al. 2016). These bioactive substances have wide pharmaceutical applications (Wu et al. 2008). Details are listed in Table 3.

PHARMACOLOGICAL VALUES OF MANGROVES

The mangroves plants have high potential because the type of habitat in which it grows is very harsh under this condition the production of some secondary metabolites occurs for their survival (Mishra et al. 2015). The extract from the mangrove plants being used from recent past and it has proven that extracts have inhibitory activity against pathogens. The bioactive compounds from mangrove species have a significance role against microbial growth (Miki et al. 1994). The

extract of Mangroves is also a good source of mosquito larvicides, antifungal, antiviral, anticancer anti-diabetic compounds (Wu et al. 1997). Details are listed in Table 4.

MANGROVES AS ECOLOGICAL INDICATORS

The mangroves have some peculiar characteristics so it can be used as indicators of characteristics change or pollution in coast or rise in sea level (Saenger 1996). In the recent time interest have been shown about the response of mangrove shorelines to the sea –level or climate change (Woodroffe 1990). Mangrove plant is used as bio-indicator for different types of environmental pollutions such as heavy metal pollution, organic pollution, hydrocarbon pollution and detection of ozone layer depletion (Sadooni and Ibrahim 1999). The leaves of *Avicennia marina* accumulate high concentration of fluoride and shows reduced seedling growth (Murray 1985). The mangrove plant *K. candel* grows on high copper and zinc polluted area (Chew and Hsiu 1995). *Rhizophora mangle* is a bio-indicator against the pollution of nickel (Gonzalez and Ramirez 1995). Arsenic concentration in young leaves is more than that of mature leaves of mangrove (Kassava et al. 1991). *Rhizophora mangle* shows viviparity in the presence of high K and Cl. *A. marina* develops highly branched pneumatophores in the oil polluted coast (Grant et al. 1993). It was concluded that a greater number of pneumatophores developed due to high oil pollution (Dasilva et al. 1997).

CONCLUSION

Considering the multiuse of mangroves, is a right choice to screen the bioactive compounds from them to isolate new secondary metabolites to fight against new diseases and disorders. They are ecologically very important for a

landscape. Hence, need to do value addition for making conservation plan at community level. The literature indicates, there is ample scope using mangrove in

ethnopharmacology. Hence, need a proper design for sustainable use and conservation activities

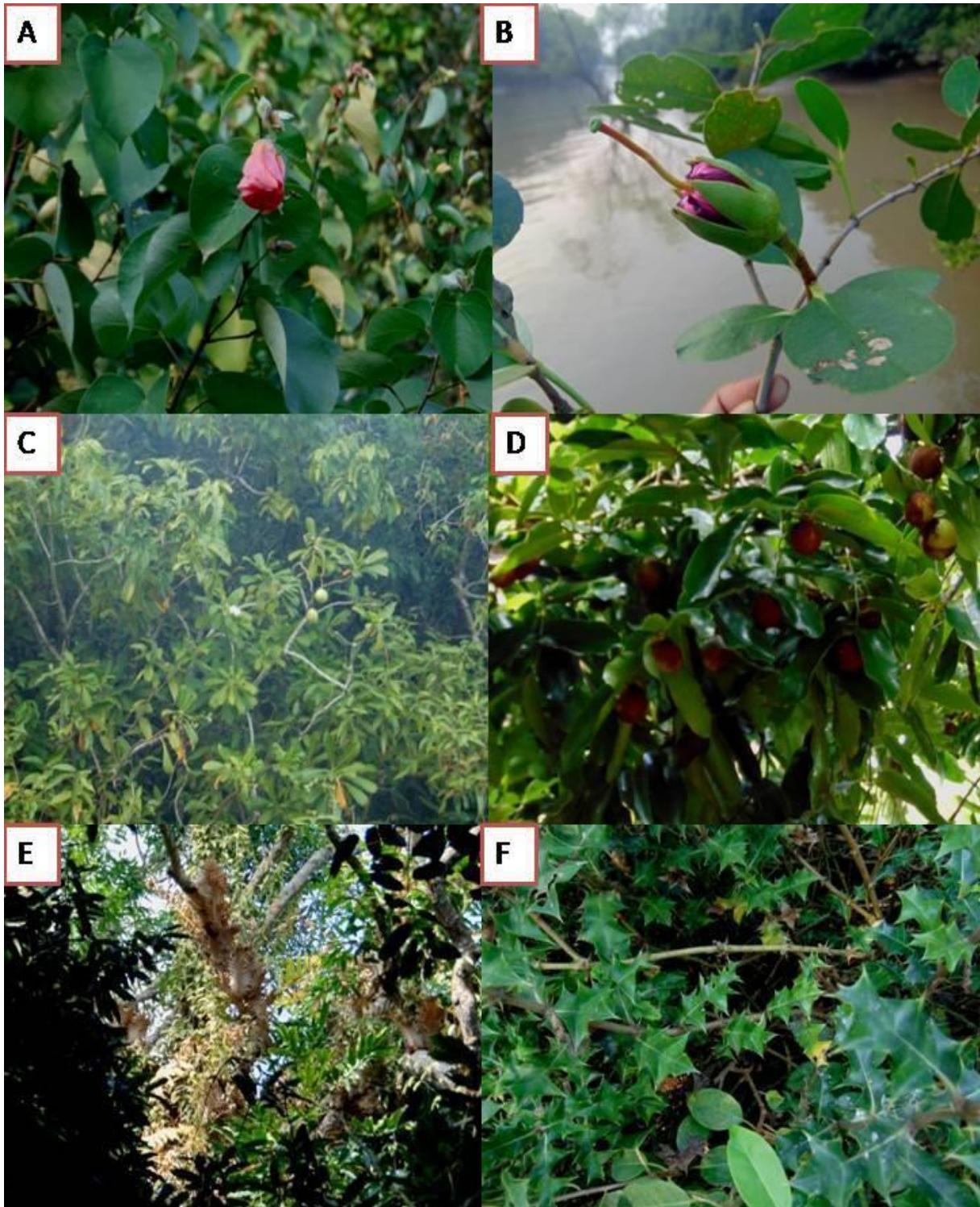


Plate 1: Some common mangrove plants of Odisha; A) *Thespesia populnea*; B) *Sonneratia caseolaris* ; C) *Cerbera odallam*; D) *Xylocarpus granatum*; E) *Drynaria quercifolia*; F) *Acanthus ilicifolius*

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Table 1: Common mangrove plants of Odisha

| Odia name | Vernacular name(s) | Botanical name | Family | Distinguishing features |
|-------------|----------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Ooanara | Chinese taro (E) | <i>Aglaia cucullata</i> (Roxb.) Pellegrin. | Meliaceae | Leaves compound, leaflets 2-4 pairs and petals longer. |
| Harakancha | Sea holly (E) | <i>Acanthus ilicifolius</i> L. | Acanthaceae | Gregarious shrub up to 2 m tall and bluish white flower. |
| Harakancha | Sea holly (E) | <i>Acanthus volubilis</i> Wall. | Acanthaceae | Bracteoles never present, bract longer than calyx and climber white flower. |
| Kharkhari | Mangrove fern (E) | <i>Acrostichum aureum</i> L. | Acrotichaceae | Fern like leaves and young leaves have crimson colour. |
| Banarua | Club mangrove (E) | <i>Aegialitis rotundifolia</i> Roxb. | Plumbaginaceae | Shrub, leaves shining above and flat stem. |
| Kharsi | River mangrove(E) | <i>Aegiceras corniculatum</i> (L.) Blanco. | Myrsinaceae | Sweet scented and white flowers. |
| Khandakoli | Toothed leaf allopylus (E) | <i>Allophylus serratus</i> (Roxb.) Kurz. | Sapindaceae | Leaves trifoliate, leaflet elliptic, serrate, central leaflet larger than lateral, flowers white, clustered. |
| DhalaBani | Baen (B) | <i>Avicennia alba</i> Blume. | Avicenniaceae | Leaves lanceolate or linear. |
| SingalaBani | White mangrove (E) | <i>Avicennia marina</i> (Forsk.) Vierh | Avicenniaceae | Leaves ovate. |
| BadaBani | Indian mangrove (E) | <i>Avicennia officinalis</i> L. | Avicenniaceae | Pneumatophores longer. |
| NIL | Mistle toe (E) | <i>Azima tetracantha</i> Lam. | Salvadoraceae | Straggling shrub, spines straight, paired in the leaf axils and Flowers yellowish berry white. |
| Latisundari | Durian laut (M) | <i>Brownlowia tersa</i> (L.) Kosterm. | Tiliaceae | Leaves alternate. |
| Kaliachua | Bakau putih (M) | <i>Bruguiera cylindrica</i> (L.) Blume. | Rhizophoraceae | 3 flowers in each group |
| Bandari | Orange mangrove (E) | <i>Bruguiera gymnorrhiza</i> (L.) Lamk. | Rhizophoraceae | Leaves reddish beneath. |
| Dot | Small flower bruguiera | <i>Bruguiera parviflora</i> Wt. & Arn. | Rhizophoraceae | Calyx lobes slender. |

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| Bandari | (E) Oriental mangrove | <i>Bruguiera sexangula</i> (Lour.) Poir. | Rhizophoraceae | Viviparous germination and hypocotyl up to 10 cm long. |
| Gilo | (E) Fever nut | <i>Caesalpinia bonduc</i> (L.) Roxb. | Caesalpinaceae | Spines on fruit, pods, inflorescence always axillary and flowers yellow. |
| Nentei | (E) Crested fever nut | <i>Caesalpinia crista</i> L. | Caesalpinaceae | Yellow colour and flowers leaflets always opposite. |
| Luna samba | (E) NIL | <i>Canavalia maritima</i> (Aubl.) Thouars | Fabaceae | Stems with white silky hairs and flowers pink. |
| Panamia | (E) Suicide tree | <i>Cerbera odollam</i> Gaertn. | Apocynaceae | Corolla with a yellow eye. |
| Garani (Yellow mangrove) | (T) Chiru kandal | <i>Ceriops decandra</i> (Griff.) Ding Hou. | Rhizophoraceae | Hypocotyl sharply ridge with blunt. |
| Garani (Yellow mangrove) | (E) Spurred mangrove | <i>Ceriops tagal</i> (Perr.) C. B. Rabinson. | Rhizophoraceae | Hypocotyl upto 25 cm. |
| Chiani | (E) Glory bower | <i>Clerodendrum inerme</i> (L.) Gaertn. | Verbenaceae | Scaly under surface of leaves and white flowers with bright red filaments. |
| Panikenduli | (H) Sukhadarsan | <i>Crinum defixum</i> Ker Gawl. | Amaryllidaceae | 5-10 white flowers on each peduncle, |
| Singada | (E) Wrinkle pod mangrove | <i>Cynometra iripa</i> Kostel. | Casalpinaceae | Evergreen small tree and sepals curved distally. |
| Singada LuniMutha | (H) Balitbitan | <i>Cynometra ramiflora</i> L. | Casalpinaceae | Sepals not curved. |
| | (E) NIL | <i>Cyperus arenarius</i> Retz. | Cyperaceae | Leaves terete and fleshy, often recurved and trigonous. |
| Hanshi grass | (H) Mali | <i>Cyperus conglomeratus</i> Rottb. | Cyperaceae | |
| Keuti grass | (E) Piripiri | <i>Cyperus corymbosus</i> Rottb. | Cyperaceae | |
| Katha KatiraNai | (E) NIL | <i>Dalbergia candenatensis</i> (Dennst.) Prain. | Fabaceae | Leaflet elliptic oblong and white flowers. |
| Gohirakanta | (T) Chillanki | <i>Dalbergia spinosa</i> Roxb. | Fabaceae | Flowers purple whitish and leaflets 9-11. |
| Mangala | (E) Honey suckle mistle toe | <i>Dendrophthoe falcata</i> (L. f.) Etting. | Loranthaceae | Flowers orange in racemes, subtended by a single sub orbicular bract and petals 5. |
| Dhalakatira | (E) Gonj | <i>Derris scandens</i> (Roxb.) | Fabaceae | Leaflet elliptic |

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| Nai | (E) | Benth. | | | oblong with acute tip 3-6 pairs. |
| Kala Katira Nai | Karanjvel (M) | <i>Derris trifoliata</i> Lour. | Fabaceae | | Cilmbur, glabrous, leaflets 3-5, alternate and rose coloured flowers. |
| Gosinga | Mangrove trumpet tree (E) | <i>Dolichandrone spathacea</i> (L. f) K. Schum, | Bignoniaceae | | Long tubed flower, young leaves often reddish. |
| Guan | Binding mangrove (E) | <i>Excoecaria agallocha</i> L. | Euphorbiaceae | | Exudes white latex on injury. |
| Luni grass | Common finger rush (E) | <i>Fimbristylis ferruginea</i> (L.) Vahl | Cyperaceae | | |
| KhasaiLata | Kalak kambing (E) | <i>Finlaysonia obovata</i> Wall. | Asclepiadaceae | | Flowers white or purple and corolla densely white inside. |
| Bahumruga | Whip vine (E) | <i>Flagellaria indica</i> L. | Flagellariaceae | | Tall herb, often climbing and drupe globose with a produced base turning pinkish red on maturity. |
| NIL | Salt heliotrope (H) | <i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i> L. | Boraginaceae | | Leaves lanceolate, shallowly retuse, fleshy and silvery and flowers white in terminal. |
| Bdasundari | Sundari (B) | <i>Heritiera fomes</i> Buch. -Ham. | Sterculiaceae | | Bark inner brown turn reddish. |
| Kanikasundari | Sundar (B) | <i>Heritiera Kanikensis</i> Majumdar & Banerjee. | Sterculiaceae | | The species is similar to <i>H fomes</i> . |
| Dhalasundari | Water coconut (E) | <i>Heritiera littoralis</i> Dry and ex Ait. | Sterculiaceae | | Fruit smooth with a rudder like. |
| Bania | Sea hibiscus (E) | <i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i> L. | Malvaceae | | Evergreen shrub, epicalyx present, petal light yellow. |
| Hoya | Wax plant (E) | <i>Hoya parasitica</i> (Roxb.) Wall | Asclepiadaceae | | Leaves broadly elliptic-oblong, fleshy, glabrous, yellowish green. |
| NIL | East Indian water bluet (E) | <i>Hydrophylax maritima</i> L. f | Rubiaceae | | Succulent herb leaves fleshy, ovate-elliptic, flowers lilac and fruit oblong-ovoid. |
| Maasitha | Pacific teak (E) | <i>Intsia bijuga</i> (colebr.) Kuntz. | Caesalpiniaceae | | Compound leaf, whitish brown bark and petal solitary, at first white turning red. |
| NIL | Beach moon (E) | <i>Ipomea tuba</i> (Sch.) G. Don | Convolvulaceae | | Large twiner and corolla white large |

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| Kansarilata | Goat foot vine (E) | <i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> (L.) R. Br. | Convolvulaceae | with a long and narrow tube,. Leaf apex bifurcate, persistent large calyx and reddish at margin. |
| Sinduka | Gudia (B) | <i>Kandelia candel</i> (L.) Druce. | Rhizophoraceae | Hypocotyl upto 40 cm long. |
| Mahi | Indian Ash tree | <i>Lannea coromandelica</i> (Houtt.) Merr. | Anacardiaceae | Leaves clustered at the end of thick branchlets, beneath. flowers small yellowish green. |
| NIL | Beach Launea (E) | <i>Launaea sarmentosa</i> (Wild.) Schultz-Bip. | Asteraceae | Perennial, prostrate, stoloniferous herb, rooting at each rosette and leaf margins denticulate. |
| Churunda | White flowered black mangrove(E) | <i>Lumnitzera racemosa</i> Wild. | Combretaceae | Flowers white and sessile. |
| Banalembu | Mangrove lime (E) | <i>Merope angulata</i> (Wild.) Swingle | Rutaceae | Flowers white, fruits triangular in section, 2 to 3 cm large. |
| Luna Baidanka | Sea bean | <i>Mucuna gigantea</i> (Wild.) DC. | Fabaceae | Leaflets ovate-elliptic, acuminate, glabrous, lateral leaflets in equilateral. Flowers in umbellium corymbs and corolla greenish-yellow. |
| Nailgrass | NIL | <i>Myriostachya wightiana</i> (Needs. ex Steud.) Hook. f. | Poaceae | Leaf blade broad, serrated, inflorescence panicles and whorled flowering. |
| Nypa palm | Nipa (E) | <i>Nypa fruticans</i> (Thunb.) Wurumb. | Arecaceae | Rhizomatous palm and looks like sunken coconut palm. |
| Ketakikia | Umbrella tree (E) | <i>Pandanus fascicularis</i> Lam. | Pandanaceae | Male inflorescence sweet-scented and fruiting carpels without an apical prickle. |
| Lunikia | Kattukaitha (Mal) | <i>Pandanus foetidus</i> Roxb. | Pandanaceae | Much branched, male inflorescence foetid and fruiting carpels with apical prickle. |
| Raigidi | Ambarvel (H) | <i>Pentatropis capensis</i> Bullock. | Asclepiadaceae | Twining herb with milky latex, leaves |

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| | | | | small size and corolla lobes lanceolate. |
| Hental | Sea date (E) | <i>Phoenix paludosa</i> Roxb. | Arecaceae | Leaves are like date palm, trunk erect, stem annular and single spathe. |
| Nala | Tall reed (H) | <i>Phragmites karka</i> (Retz.) Trin. | Poaceae | Culms erect, stout, leaf blades flat, lanceolate and inflorescence panicles. |
| Karanja | Indian beach tree (E) | <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> (L.) Pierre | Fabaceae | Evergreen leaves broadly ovate with acute tip and fruit flattened but thick with blunt tip. |
| DhaniDhana | Dhani harakata (B) | <i>Porteresia coarctata</i> (Roxb.) Tateoka. | Poaceae | Leaves acicular, margin spinulose. |
| Rai | Tall stilt mangrove (E) | <i>Rhizophora apiculata</i> Blume. | Rhizophoraceae | Leaves without acute apex, short petiole petal yellowish. |
| Rai | Loop root mangrove (E) | <i>Rhizophora mucronata</i> Lamk. | Rhizophoraceae | Leaf with mucronate apex, longer petiole, petal whitish and hairy on margin, stamens 8. |
| Rai | Spotted mangrove (E) | <i>Rhizophora stylosa</i> Griff. | Rhizophoraceae | Stigmas on a slender style, hypocotyl smooth, |
| Batra | Chinese salacia (E) | <i>Salacia prinoides</i> DC. | Hippocrateaceae | Scandent shrub and flowers yellowish,. |
| Batula | Glasswort (E) | <i>Salicornia brachiata</i> Roxb. | Chenopodiaceae | Stem fleshy, leaves simple, fleshy, petals yellow and showy. |
| Miriga | Tooth brush tree (E) | <i>Salvadora persica</i> L. | Salvadoraceae | Flowers greenish-white and calyx lobes rounded. |
| Ghigidi | Kiri makulu (Mal) | <i>Sapium indicum</i> Wild. | Euphorbiaceae | Leaves alternate, lanceolate-oblong, exudes white latex, seeds ovoid and dark brown. |
| Lata Rai | Pala boddu teega (T) | <i>Sarcolobus carinatus</i> Wall. | Asclepiaceae | Climbing herb, bracteate and inflorescence unbranched corymb. |
| Raigadi | Baoli lata (B) | <i>Sarcolobus globosus</i> Wall. | Asclepiadaceae | Prostrate or climbing shrub, leaves elliptic and flower whitish green. |
| Sipal | Club rush | <i>Scirpus litoralis</i> Schr. | Cyperaceae | Leaves reduced to |

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| | (E) | | | | bladeless. Spikelet large, short pedicel and bracteates. |
| Goda Bani | Sea purslane (E) | <i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i> L. | Aizoaceae | | Creeping herb, red shining glabrous stems, sepal 5, persistent, margin white and pink corolla absent. |
| Nabhiankuri | Purple fruited pea egg plant (E) | <i>Solanum trilobatum</i> L. | Solanaceae | | Leaves 3-lobed and hairy, Flower purple blue, berry globose turned red on maturity. |
| Orua | Apple mangrove (E) | <i>Sonneratia alba</i> J.Smith. | Sonneratiaceae | | Calyx cup shaped, ribbed and white petals. |
| Keruan | Sonneratia mangrove (E) | <i>Sonneratia apetala</i> Buch. – Ham. | Sonneratiaceae | | Calyx 4 lobed. |
| Orua | Crabapple mangrove (E) | <i>Sonneratia caseolaris</i> (L.) Engler. | Sonneratiaceae | | Petiole short or absent petals red colour and veins inconspicuous. |
| Orua | NIL | <i>Sonneratia griffithii</i> Kurz. | Sonneratiaceae | | Vein conspicuous and Petals absent. |
| Giria | Seepweed (E) | <i>Suaeda maritima</i> (L.) Dumort. | Chenopodiaceae | | Erect herb, leaf wide and acts as a soil binder. |
| Giria | South indian seepweed (E) | <i>Suaeda monoica</i> Forssk. ex Gmel. | Chenopodiaceae | | Leaves linear, obtuse or sub-acute. Flowers polygamous, in slender and lax-spikes. |
| Giria | Muchole (E) | <i>Suaeda nudiflora</i> (Wild.) Moq. | Chenopodiaceae | | Erect branches and leaves semi terete, green but reddish after maturation. |
| Jagula | Nona jhau (B) | <i>Tamarix dioica</i> Roxb. | Tamaricaceae | | Leaves sheathing, bracts triangular. |
| Jagula | Nona jhau (B) | <i>Tamarix troupii</i> Hole. | Tamaricaceae | | Leaves not sheathing, flowers bisexual, pink-violet. |
| Pestabadam | Indian almond (E) | <i>Terminalia catappa</i> L. | Combretaceae | | Female flowers at the base and male flowers distally, fruits of almond shaped develop in clusters at the base of spike. |
| Habali | Indian tulip tree (E) | <i>Thespesia populnea</i> (L.) Sol. ex Corr. | Malvaceae | | Leaves deeply cordate, pedicles |

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| Puruni | Giant pigweed (E) | <i>Trianthema portulacastrum</i> L. | Aizoaceae | erect. Leaves opposite, unequal Flowers solitary sunk in the forks and pinkish. |
| Swasmari | Antamul (H) | <i>Tylophora indica</i> (Burm. f.) Merr. | Asclepiadaceae | Stems twinning, more or less pubescent, follicles 2, lanceolate, smooth and produced into an angular beak. |
| Sisumar | Canonball mangrove (E) | <i>Xylocarpus granatum</i> Koeing. | Meliaceae | Large fruit up to 25 cm diameter and trunk surface smooth. |
| Pitamari | Passur (B) | <i>Xylocarpus mekongensis</i> Pierre. | Meliaceae | Fully deciduous during mid-February and fruit not exceeding diameter of 12cm. |
| Pitakorua | Canonball mangrove (E) | <i>Xylocarpus moluccensis</i> (Lamk.) Roem. | Meliaceae | Leaflets usually 4 Or 6, more less ovate. |

(E:English; B:Bengali; H: Hindi; T:Telugu; Mal: Malayalam; O: Odia; M: Malay language)

Table 2: Traditional uses of mangroves

| Plant Name(s) | Uses | Source(s) |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| <i>Rhizophora</i> spp. | Seedlings consumed as food. | Bandanayake (1999) |
| <i>Rhizophora</i> spp. | Bark consumed with milk against liver disease. | Bandanayake (1999) |
| <i>Rhizophora mucornata</i> <i>Bruguiera gymnorrhiza</i> | Wood is used for construction of buildings. | Bandanayake (1999) |
| <i>Ceriop stagal</i> <i>Bruguiera</i> spp. | Straight stem used for making roof and window. | Amarsinghe (1988) |
| <i>Rhizophora</i> spp. <i>Sonneratia</i> spp. <i>Rhizophora</i> spp. <i>Bruguiera</i> spp. | Timbers are used for making rafters. | Amarsinghe (1988) |
| <i>Entadapervillei</i> spp. <i>Gluta tourtour</i> <i>Ceiba pentandura</i> | Stem used for making stilt house by traditional fisherman in Madagascar. | Rasolfo (1997) |
| <i>Avecennia</i> spp. | Timber used for making dugout timber. | Walsh (1977) |
| <i>Bruguiera</i> spp. <i>Ceriops</i> spp. | Used as fuel for cooking heating. | Sin (1990) |
| <i>Nypa fructicans</i> | Leaves are used for making shingles for roof thatching. | Mercier and Hamilton (1984) |
| <i>Sonneratia</i> spp. <i>Anona</i> spp. | Pneumatophores used for making corks and fishing boats | Walsh (1977) |
| <i>Avecennia</i> spp. <i>R. mangle</i> | From the ash of the plant soap is made. | Field (1995) |

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| <i>B. gymmorhiza</i> | From the bark adhesive substances is | Field (1995) |
| <i>B. sexagula</i> | made. | |
| <i>C. tagal</i> | | |
| <i>H. fumes</i> | Pulp, fibre, cellulose and | Latif (1965) |
| <i>E. agallocha</i> | cellophones are made. | |

Table 3: Bioactive compounds of some Mangrove plants

| Botanical name | Bioactive compounds | Source(s) |
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| <i>E. agallocha</i> | The stem extracts contain diterpenes secolabdanoid and <i>ent</i> -isopimarane. | Annam et al. (2015) |
| <i>X. granatum</i> | Alkaloids such as granatoine and xylocarpin . | Cui et al. (2008) |
| <i>C. tagal</i> | New diterpenes such as tagalenes, tagalsin and lupane type of triterpenes are present. | Wang et al. (2010) |
| <i>R. mangle</i> | The plant extract contain alkaloids, phenol, steroids, tannins and flavonoids. | Molyneux (2003) |
| <i>A. marina</i> <i>X. granatum</i> <i>B. sexangula</i> | The extract contain flavonoid such as rutin, quercetin, kaemapferol and catechin. | Kasim(2012) |
| <i>A. ilicifolius</i> | The ethanol extract shows the presence of terpenoids, steroids and triterpenoids. | Bandaranayake(2002) |
| <i>K. candel</i> | High flavonoid. | Agoramoorthy(2008) |

Table 4: Pharmacological values of some mangroves plants

| Botanical name | Pharmacological uses | Source(s) |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <i>A. ebracteatus</i> | The leaf stem and bark is used as antibiotics, against skin allergy, snake bites and for cure of common cold | Padmakumar and Ayyakkannu (1997) |
| <i>A. ilicifolius</i> | The leaf , bark , fruit , and root is used for the treatment of asthma diabetes , leprosy , paralysis and stomach pain. | Barr et al. (1988) |
| <i>A. aureum</i> | The leaf and rhizome is used to treat the wound boils and rheumatism. | Balasooria et al. (1982) |
| <i>A. marina</i> | The leaves show antimicrobial activity. | Abeyasinghe and Wasnigtunge (2006) |
| <i>E. agallocha</i> | The leaves and shot extract show antimicrobial. | Chandrasekan et al. (2009) |
| <i>E. agallocha</i> <i>B. gymnorrisa</i> | The trunk extract shows antifungal activity. | Kazuhiko (2002) |

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| <i>S. caseolaris</i> | Shows a significant inhibition activity against cell proliferation of SMMC-7721 human hepatoma cells in an <i>in vitro</i> cytotoxic assay. | Minqing et al. (2009) |
| <i>A. officinalis</i> | Antibacterial activity against | Abeyasinghe et al. (2006) |
| <i>B. sexangula</i> | <i>Pseudomonas</i> species. | |
| <i>Andrographis paniculata</i> | Antioxidant activity | Rafat et al. (2010) |
| <i>Borreria hispida</i> | Antimicrobial activity against certain microbes | |
| <i>Euodia redlevi</i> | Antioxidant activity. | Rafat et al. (2010) |
| <i>Oenanthe javanica</i> | | |
| <i>S.apetala</i> | Antimicrobial activity against antibiotic resistance bacteria. | Varaprasad and Bobbarala et al. (2009) |
| <i>A. corniculatum, L. Racemosa</i> and <i>C. decandra.</i> | Antimicrobial activity against Methicillin resistant, clinical isolates of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> . | Chandrasekaran (2009) |
| <i>R. mucronata</i> | Shows the highest antioxidant potential activity as well as antimicrobial activity against pathogenic bacteria. | HaqImdadul et al. (2011). |
| <i>C. tagal</i> and <i>Pemphis acidula</i> | Leaves extract shows antimicrobial activity against <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Vibrio parahaemolyticus, S. aureus</i> and <i>Vibrio cholera</i> . | Natarajan et al. (2011) |
| <i>C. tagal</i> | | |
| <i>E. agallocha</i> | | |
| <i>R. stylosa,</i> | Extracts of twig and stem shows | Vinn et al. (2017) |
| <i>S. paracaseolaris</i> | antitumor activity. | |
| <i>Xylocarpus spp</i> | | |
| <i>X. moluccensis</i> | Seeds of plants shows inhibitory activity against nitric oxide production and anti-inflammatory activity | Palacios et al. (2011) |
| <i>B. cylindrica,</i> | The leaf, bark, root, stilt root, | |
| <i>C. decandra</i> | hypocotyls, and flower extracts | |
| <i>R. mucronata</i> | show insecticidal activity | Ali et al. (2014) |
| <i>R. apiculata</i> | against the dengue vector <i>Aedes aegypti</i> . | |
