

## Traditional Therapeutic uses of Animals among the tribal population of Wayanad district

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### ABSTRACT

Scientific research is revealing an ever increasing number of links between biodiversity and human health, not only in terms of food resources but also with regard to materials to treat and cure diseases. Since ancient time plants and animals, or parts of them, have been used therapeutically. Even today animal and plant-based medicines continues to play an essential role in world health care. The study provides an account of Traditional knowledge and health care system of Tribes inhabiting Wayanad District. Tribal people of Wayanad using 35 animal species for the treatment of 30 different kinds of illness. The animal species used as traditional medicine by these people comprise of Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Arthropods, Annelids and Molluscs species. Careful scientific scrutiny and of this traditional knowledge could lead to the development of the newer and safer drugs as well as spur conservation and sustainable utilization of such unique habitat and resources.