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Abstract

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The CARPE-funded NTFP workshop held in Limbe in May 1998 highlighted the need for further study of a number of high value and much utilised NTFPs. In order to complete gaps in existing knowledge as well as to provide an overview of the current understanding of these crucial taxa, reports on those species selected have been commissioned. *Pausinystalia yohimbe*, a lowland forest tree species prized for its bark with aphrodisiac properties, was also selected as a priority species for a state-of-the-knowledge study. However, this study differs from many of those commissioned in that some preliminary studies have already been undertaken on yohimbe. This proposed work seeks to build on those studies and ensure that the scientific information will be applied to forest management model of sustainability.
