Changes in agricultural biodiversity: implications for sustainable livelihood in the Himalaya







Ecosystem differentiation in the landscape



Spatial dimension of traditional biodiversity management in Central Himalaya.





Cropping pattern as determined by climatic conditions in a mid-altitude village

| | Near core zone and low altitude | | | Away from | core zone and high | altitude |
|-------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| Crops | % of total cropped area in 1995 (n = 117) | Increased (+) decreased (-)/no change (0) of total cropped area between 1970 - 75 and | Monetary Value (n=10) | % of total cropped area in 1995 (n=42) | Increased (+) decreased (-) /no change (o) of total area between 1970-75 and 1995 (n = | Monetary value (n=10) |
| | (%) | 1995 (n = 46) (%) | (US\$/ha) | (%) | (%) | (US\$/ha) |
| Food crops | | | | (10) | (,,,) | |
| Amaranthus paniculatus | 4.4 | +36 | 289±31 | - | 0 | - |
| Brassica campestris | 0.6 ^a | 0 | 519±37 ^a | 3.1 ^b | - | 494±34 ^a |
| Echinochloa frumentocea | 0 | -100 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Eleusine coracana | 0.6 | -10 | 311±28 | - | 0 | - |
| Fagopyrum esculentum | 7.7 ^a | 0 | 337±21 ^a | 16.3 ^b | -30 | 503±27 ^b |
| Fagopyrum tataricum | 8.2 ^a | -19 ^a | 343 ± 30^{a} | 2.3 ^b | -76 ^b | 474±28 ^b |
| Glycine max | 0 | -100 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Hordeum himalayens | 5.6 ^a | -41 ^a | $235\pm s27^{a}$ | 8.1 ^a | -60 ^b | 239±15 ^a |
| Hordeum vulgare | 4.0 | -28 ^a | 247±24 | 0 | -100 ^b | - |
| Pennisetum typhoides | 0 | -100 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Panicum miliaceum | 0.6 ^a | -82 ^a | 268 ± 27^{a} | 2.5 ^b | -79 ^a | 310 ± 27^{a} |
| Phaseolus lunetus | 14.6 ^a | +43 ^a | 549±62 ^a | 8.6 ^b | +68 ^a | 626±63 ^a |
| Phaseolus vulgaris | 6.0 ^a | +40 ^a | 906 ± 27^{a} | 8.9 ^a | +143 ^b | 969±82 ^a |
| Pisum sativum (Var.2) | 0.3 ^a | -28 ^a | 547±55 ^a | 2.3 ^b | -50 ^b | 647±44 ^a |
| Solanum tuberosum | 6.6 ^a | +97 ^a | 805±81 ^a | 31.3 ^b | +650 ^b | 1048±28 ^b |
| Setaria italica | 0 | -100 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Triticum aestivum | 21.3 | +13 | 265+29 | 0 | - | - |

| Medicinal plants Allium humile Allium stracheyi | 0.9 ^a 0.9 ^a | -7 ^a -6 ^a | 846 ± 79^{a} 502±48 ^a | 2.3 ^b 1.2 ^a | -7 ^a -13 ^a | 945±87 ^a 560±87 ^a |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Angelica glavacai | - | - | - | 0.3 | +100 | 544±57 |
| Carum carvi | - | - | - | 0.3 | +100 | 971±85 |
| Dactylorhiza hatagirea | - | - | - | 0.2 | +100 | 786±80 |
| Megacarpaea polyandra | - | - | - | 0.2 | +100 | 272±19 |
| Pleurosperum | - | - | - | 0.2 | +100 | 627±60 |
| angelicoides | | | | | | |
| Saussurea <i>costus</i> | - | - | - | 0.3 | +100 | 690±68 |

Soil loss from different crops grown on varied terrace slopes in the Pranmati watershed, Indian central Himalya.

| | Soil loss from terrace slope (t ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹) | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|-------|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| Сгор | Low(<2 ⁰) | | Medium (2-6⁰) | | High (6-10 ⁰) | |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1993 | 1994 | 1993 | 1994 |
| Eleusine coracana | 0.658 | 0.089 | 1.199 | 0.386 | 6.037 | 0.525 |
| Amaranthus paniculatus | 0.517 | 0.372 | 1.462 | 0.437 | 13.435 | 1.475 |
| Echinocloa frumentacea | 0.536 | 0.093 | 1.213 | 0.310 | 7.578 | 0.652 |
| Oryza sativa | 0.300 | 0.334 | 2.950 | 0.429 | 8.122 | 1.050 |
| Solanum tuberosum | 0.606 | 0.327 | 7.653 | 1.812 | 64.400 | 3.758 |

Farmyard manure (FYM) input (t/ha/year), fodder yield (t/ha/year) and monetary return (Thousand Rs./ha: Rs. 34 = US\$ 1 in 1994-95) across elevation zones in Pranmati watershed, India.

| FYM/Fodder | 1100 –1850 m | | 1850-2400m | | 2400-2600m | |
|------------------------|--------------|------|------------|------|------------|------|
| | 1963 | 1993 | 1963 | 1993 | 1963 | 1993 |
| Manure input | 15.0 | 16.5 | 18.3 | 27.4 | 16.8 | 32.4 |
| Fodder yield | 5.0 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| Monetary return | 21.3 | 34.2 | 27.9 | 52.5 | 36.8 | 77.3 |

Important characteristics (mean \pm standard deviation, n = 5) of oak-based and pine-based organic manure. Mean values of the two manure types are significantly (P<0.05) different if followed by a different superscript letter.

| Characteristic | Manu | ure type |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Oak | Pine |
| Moisture (%) | 226.21± 19.21 ^a | 303.50 20.50 ^b |
| Carbon (%) | 24.66 ± 0.58^{a} | $33.33 \pm \mathbf{0.58^{b}}$ |
| Nitrogen (%) | 1.40 ± 0.03^{a} | $1.16\pm0.03^{\rm b}$ |
| Cellulose (%) | 12.33 ± 0.57^{a} | 17.00 ± 2.64^{b} |
| Lignin (%) | 14.01 ± 1.05^{a} | 17.33 ± 0.29^{b} |
| Polyphenol (%) | $0.32 \pm 0.04^{\rm a}$ | $0.37 \pm \mathbf{0.03^{b}}$ |
| C/N | 17.68 ± 1.25^{a} | $28.73 \pm \mathbf{0.48^{b}}$ |
| Lignin / N | 10.04 ± 0.71^{a} | 14.94 ± 0.25^{b} |
| Polyphenol + Lignin/Nirtogen | 10.26 ± 0.72^{a} | 15.26 ± 0.25^{b} |

Biomass production (mean \pm SD, g m⁻²) of wheat crop on a sandy soil treated with oak based and pine based manure (@ 10 t ha⁻¹). Two treatments are significantly (P < 0.05) different for all parameters.

| Component | Manure type | | | |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|--|--|
| | Oak based | Pine based | | |
| Grain | 58.5 ± 3.8 | 46.7 ± 2.7 | | |
| Straw | 108.8 ± 12.1 | 81.7 ± 5.6 | | |
| Roots | 8.5 ± 0.6 | 7.3 ± 0.1 | | |
| Total | 175.8 ± 11.6 | 135.7 ± 9.8 | | |



Yield of winter season crops grown under unlopped and 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% lopping of agroforestry trees in village Banswara, India. LSD (P=0.05) between means of a crop grown under different lopping regimes are given as vertical lines.

Carbon sequestration rate (t ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) in soil and vegetation after rehabilitation in a low altitude village (Banswara, Chamoli) and a high altitude village (Khaljhuni, Almora) villages in Indian Central Himalaya.

| Characteristics | Carbon sequestration | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| | Banswara | Khaljhuni | | |
| Soil (0-15 cm) | 2.2 | 3.4 | | |
| Tree bole/bamboo | 0.9 | 4.3 | | |
| culm | | | | |
| Total | 3.1 | 7.7 | | |

