

## Ethnobiological Investigation of Lakshadweep Islands

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*Lakshadweep is a tiny group of islands in the Arabian sea. The Lakshadweep archipelago consists of 12 atolls, 3 reefs and 6 submerged banks. There are 35 islands out of which only 10 are inhabited. Medicobotanical survey tours were conducted in 1977 and 1992. The paper deals with the history of the islands, the people, their culture and folklore medical practice and other medicinal plants growing in the islands.*

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