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Summary

A preliminary study was conducted on the medical beliefs and practices on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius. Mauritius is a plural society consisting of Indo-Mauritians, Sino-Mauritians, Creoles, and Franco-Mauritians. There are several types of healing specialists found on the island including at least three types of herbalists. In this paper, I report on home remedies used by individuals in the village in which I lived and on the patients and remedies of two Indo-Mauritian herbalists located in the central market in the capital city of Port Louis.

The two herbalists were observed for a total of 10 hours on two working days and data were collected on the age, ethnic group, sex, and illness of each patient treated and on the ingredients of each remedy sold.

The use of home herbal remedies appears to be widespread among Mauritians and is frequently the first form of treatment utilized for common ailments. The Indo-Mauritian herbalists I observed treat a wide variety of ailments and utilize approximately 150 plant species. On the days of observation, their clients consisted of all age groups, sexes, and

species. On the days of observation, their clients consisted of all age groups, sexes, and ethnic groups except for Franco-Mauritians. The data on medicinal plants are presented in table form.



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