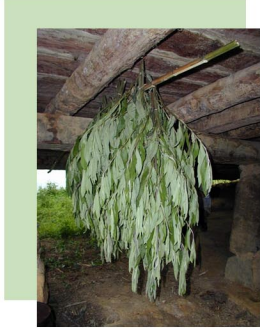





Medicinal Plants

The Medicinal Plants Project, established in December 1999 by Eleanor Gallia, a British herbalist, is conducting research into the use of plants in traditional medicine. The project aims to provide owners of forest land with an alternative income from their forests.

It will develop commercially viable products based on local indigenous medicinal plants, sustainably produced under conservation management practices that enhance the biodiversity of the forest.



The main elements of the project are:

-  Establishing the parameters for the ecology, management requirements and commercial potential of the area's existing indigenous medicinal plants.
-  Developing a production methodology that maximises the sustainable yields of the plants whilst ensuring the conservation of threatened forest and its biodiversity.
-  Implementing an organisational structure that gives farmers access to technical assistance, planting material, and the markets for medicinal plants.



So far the project has developed solely through donations in kind but hopes to find sponsors to further its progress in several areas such as marketing.



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