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## ICAR-CIARI to organize National Conference on 'Underutilized Horticultural Species- Abstracts invited from Island Scholars'

**PORT BLAIR, APRIL 8/--** / The Andaman Science Association in technical collaboration with ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair and Department of Biotechnology, New Delhi is organizing a Virtual National Conference on "Underutilized Horticultural Genetic Resources: Conservation and Utilization" during June 3-4, 2022.

A number of underutilized/ lesser known horticultural species have been contributing immensely in our day to day life. These species include locally/ regionally popular fruits, vegetables, spices, which provide nutritional security to the

local masses. Further, a number of medicinal and aromatic plants, dye yielding plants, ornamental plants etc. have also supported the lives of the poor across the country. These neglected species could also help in developing strategies for addressing the issues imposed by climate change. However, most of these species are neither thoroughly researched nor cultivated, and supplies are mainly from scattered plantations or wild animals. Creation of awareness about the role of such species in nutritional and livelihood security of the masses and promotion of their cultivation are the need of the hour. Conservation and

sustainable utilization are of paramount importance in this process and this event is a holistic one to address these issues.

The conference will have technical sessions on different aspects of underutilized species in which talks will be delivered by the subject experts from all over the country.

Academics, researchers and students from various institutions/ organizations of the islands are invited to register for the event and submit findings of their research to the conference. Technically qualified abstracts will be selected for presentation during the conference as Oral or poster

presentations. In each thematic area, Best Oral and Poster presenters will be awarded. Information brochure of the event could be downloaded from the link [https://ciari.icar.gov.in/images/Brochure\\_NCUHGR.pdf](https://ciari.icar.gov.in/images/Brochure_NCUHGR.pdf).

For further details, interested participants may contact the organizers: Dr. Ajit A.

Waman, Scientist, ICAR-CIARI (9933263441, [ajit.arun@icar.gov.in](mailto:ajit.arun@icar.gov.in)) or Dr. Pooja Bohra, Scientist, ICAR-CIARI (9933263442, [pooja.bohra@icar.gov.in](mailto:pooja.bohra@icar.gov.in)). The programme is being organized as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav under the leadership of Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair