

A QUANTITATIVE STUDY OF PIGMY FOREST AT 2000 M IN HAKGALA STRICT NATURAL RESERVE

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Abstract

*A study was made in 1996 of the composition, abundance, and density of the flora of this type of pigmy forest. In the overstorey (> 8 cm girth at 20 cm above ground level) there were recorded 18 species of 13 genera and 8 families, and in the understorey (non-woody species and woody species < 8 cm) 41 species of 35 genera and 25 families; 16 species (39%) were common to both. *Syzygium sclerophyllum* was the most dominant species in both storeys. Many species were endemics.*