

ABSTRACT

Idef Della Roza, 2016. An Ethnobotanical Study of Medicinal Herbs Utilized by Community in Cibenda Village, Cipongkor Sub-district, West Bandung Regency. Under supervision by Dr. rer. nat. H. Ama Rustama and Dr. Hj. Mia Nurkanti, M.Kes.

*Ethnobotany is a study of the traditional herbs utilization by a certain community. The herbs utilization by communities is among others in medicine. The objective of the present research was to inquire those herbs that are found and utilized by Cibenda community. The method used was descriptive-explorative by survey and interview techniques. The data sampling was carried out by a purposive sampling method. Based on the research findings, it was found that there were 34 families and 55 species of herbs utilized as medicine. The herbs most widely utilized and the therapeutic effects of which have been well known by the people were *Orthosiphon aristatus* and *Hemigraphis alternata* (11 persons). The widely used herbs were dominated by the species of rhizomes from *Zingiberaceae* family by 16.36% (9 species). The parts (organs) most widely utilized for medicine were leaves by 44% (26 species) and roots and the whole by 3.45% (2 species). The most widely used herbs by the community were for keeping their health accounted for 42.62% (26 species), and the least were for infectious and chronic diseases by 11.48% (7 species). A widely applied processing method was by boiling by 26.48% (13 species), and the less used ones were cooking, squeezed, mixed with food, and cut on the tip by 3.57% (2 species).*

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