**ATREE PLANT ETHICS COMMITTEE SUMMARY SHEET**

**(TO BE FILLED BY INVESTIGATOR)**

Application to be submitted to the ATREE Plants Ethics Committee (APEC) for new experiments or extensions of ongoing experiments

1. Project / Dissertation / Thesis Title :
2. Name of the Investigator/ Research Scholar :
3. Funding Source with complete address :
4. Date on which the experiment is to commence :
5. Duration of the project :

1. Objectives of the study :
2. Provide full documentation of the field site :
3. Brief methods (Not more than one page) :
4. Plant species to be collected

a. Species/Common name :

b. Number to be used :

c. Is the plant RED listed (if yes, which category) :

d. Will a herbarium be prepared :

e. Where would the herbarium be deposited :

1. What is the status of the plant under the Indian law (Wildlife Protection Act):
2. Justify the use of a rare species (if applicable) and explain why a less rare, related species may not be substituted
3. Has the permission been sought from the Forest Department? If yes, provide the permission details.
4. If collection is to be made from non-forested areas, has collection permission be obtained from rightful owners to access sites?
5. Does your collection involve destructive sampling? (Harvesting of entire plant/ roots/ tubers/ flowers or fruits etc). Justify if it is destructive sampling
6. Is the species toxic/ harmful to your health? What precautionary measures would be taken to ensure your safety?
7. Explain any ecological impacts of the collection/experimentation
8. What are the impacts of your visits on adjoining flora?
9. What are the conservation benefits of your research?
10. What is the likely impact of the collection on traditional use of the plant?
11. Are you planning to send the plant samples outside the country? If yes, have you obtained necessary clearance from NBA?

Signature :

Name and designation of Investigator :

Date :

Place :

**INVESTIGATOR'S DECLARATION**

1. I certify that I have determined that the research proposal herein is not unnecessarily duplicative of previously reported research.

2. I certify that, I will take the necessary approvals and permission from the respective Forest Department/ Community heads before collecting the samples.

3. I will obtain approval from the APEC before initiating any significant changes in this study.

4. I certify that, I will not initiate the study unless approval from APEC is received in writing. Further, I certify that I will follow the recommendations of APEC, if any for modifications.

5. I certify that I will adhere to the rules and regulations under the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and will not send any of the samples (in any form) outside the country unless approved by NBA.

Signature :

Name of Investigator :

Date :