

## **A Comparison of Plant Knowledge in Two Peruvian Communities**

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Can a comparison of plant knowledge in two culturally different, but ecologically similar communities provide any insight into the complexities of plant-people interactions and adaptive variation? Is there any relationship between biological diversity and cultural diversity? This paper will correlate, compare and contrast the biological and cultural data from a series of botanical collections that were conducted in 1997 and 1998 in two communities in eastern Peru. About 75 plant families and 177 genera are represented for the 700 specimens collected as part of the study.