

## Carbon sequestration potential of Phanerophytes for environmental improvement to mitigate climate change

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### Abstract

One of the most feared issues of the twenty-first century is global warming. According to some estimates, carbon emissions are the main cause of global warming. A landscape's most important components are trees because of their biomass and diversity. Furthermore, since 50% of their total biomass is carbon itself, they are significant sinks of atmospheric carbon dioxide. The goal of the current study is to determine the natural carbon storage potential of thirty the nine tree species using non-destructive methods. Carbon removing method from the earth's atmosphere that has been harmed by increasing amounts of dioxide in the atmosphere along with other "greenhouse" gases is known as carbon sequestration. The present study reported that *Celastrus robustus* (6114.079 kg), *Terminalia arjuna* (6002.236 kg), *Albizia lebbbeck* (4931.837 kg), *Swietenia mahagoni* (4921.088 kg) are with high efficiency to sequester atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. The growth of the plant, the unique traits of the particular tree species, wood density and the growing conditions all affect the rate of carbon sequestration. Because of their greater size, volume and long-lasting storage capabilities such as the branches, roots, leaves and the organic matter of the soil in which they grow, trees store the majority of the atmospheric carbon. All the listed plant has broad utilitarian value such as oxygen production, air quality maintenance and aesthetic value in addition to narrow utilitarian value (used as food, fodder and medicine). Therefore, the Carbon sequestration estimates for all the species falling within this range reveal that they are judiciously used in aesthetic rejuvenation since they are gradationally excellent for planting in areas that are polluted for landscape design and environmental optimization.

**Key words :** Global warming, Climate change, Carbon sequestration potential, utilitarian values of biodiversity, landscape design.

The prolonged retention of carbon within soils, plants, geological formations and the ocean is known as carbon sequestration. It happens naturally in addition to result of anthropogenic activity and it frequently involved to the storing of carbon which has the imminent potential to form carbon dioxide gas. In view of growing worries regarding climate change caused by higher levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, there has been a lot of interest in increasing the amount of carbon sequestration by means of alterations to land use and forestry together with geoengineering techniques like capturing and storing carbon<sup>46,62</sup>. Carbon sequestration can be biological, geological and technological. Carbon dioxide gas is a fundamental component of the cycle of carbon and a primary source of photosynthesis, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels have risen dramatically from 250 to 418 ppm because of excessive use of fossil fuels. The greenhouse gas effect accelerated CO<sub>2</sub> release is a major source of climatic change, leading to global warming and also melting of ice caps at the poles, changes in biogeochemical processes, acidification of the oceans, altered precipitation, nutrient enrichment of lakes, imbalance in biological communities, extinction of certain animals and plants, changes in metabolism, effects on fertility of the soil and more at the molecular level<sup>16,51,71,77</sup>. By reducing deforestation, employing green energy as a substitute to fossil fuels, reusing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, the reduce, reuse, and recycle (RRR) technique can be used to regulate high CO<sub>2</sub> levels. Carbon capture and storage *i.e* CCS, and carbon capture primarily utilization *i.e* CCU are two technologies designed to capture atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and emphasis on long-term storage in

geological places. Captured CO<sub>2</sub> is utilized to make a variety of value-added goods including biofuels, polymers and reactants. Natural CO<sub>2</sub> filters are plants and microbes<sup>32,36</sup>. The biological fixation of carbon process which uses photosynthesis occurred in many species of both plants and microbes including bacteria, fungi, yeast, algae, and others, produces a variety of biomolecules such as proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids, six different photosynthetic routes along with certain non-photosynthetic pathways that fix carbon dioxide from the atmosphere have been documented<sup>20</sup>. In comparison to other microbes, algae are the most potent in utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> and biological carbon fixation, and they are frequently exploited on a huge industrial scale for biofuels generation. The most productive way of recycling and reducing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> is algal biofuel production utilizing captured CO<sub>2</sub><sup>19</sup>. The carbon dioxide storing technique in subsurface geologic formations and rocks is termed as geological carbon sequestration. Carbon dioxide is typically extracted and entered through porous rocks as long-term storage from an industrial source example steel or cement manufacture, or a related to energy source, such as a power station and natural gas processing facility<sup>1</sup>. Geologic capture of carbon dioxide (GCS) is a viable alternative for mitigating the negative consequences of climate change in the face of rising energy needs. To assure the ecological long-term viability of this alternative, we need to first comprehend the rates including mechanisms that underlie essential geochemical reactions, as well as their effects on GCS performance, multiphase reactive CO<sub>2</sub> transport, and risk management. To reduce environmental impacts and enhance GCS operations, strong

interdisciplinary interactions are required<sup>24</sup>. As in the graphene sector, technological carbon sequestration includes a variety of innovative methods for removing carbon and redirection to make it a viable resource for production<sup>40</sup>. Global warming is one of the most feared issues of the twenty-first century. Carbon emissions are thought to be the primary cause of global warming. Because of biomass and diversity of trees are among the most important aspects of every landscape. Not only that, but they are also major sinks for atmospheric carbon or carbon dioxide because 50% of the standing biomass is carbon. A plant's carbon sequestration potential is also one of the criteria for its selection in green belt development<sup>3,17</sup>. The importance of tree species biomass in carbon sequestration has long been known, and numerous attempts have been made to quantify forest biomass production and its contribution to carbon sequestration using non-harvest methodologies<sup>12,65,78</sup>. So, the current study calculates the organic carbon reservoir capacity of thirty nine plant species chosen from the greeneries of Krishna SayerPark, Burdwan and analysed using a non-destructive manner. Carbon sequestration being a

technique for removing carbon from the environment as the amount of environmental carbon dioxide together with other greenhouse gases (CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O) rise.

#### *Study site :*

The Krishna SayerPark of Bardhaman (Burdwan) is part of The University of Burdwan (Fig. 1), and is located at 23.2324° N, 87.8615° E with an average elevation of 37 meters (131 feet) above mean sea level. It is a little less around 100km north-west beyond Kolkata. Bardhaman is a town and municipality within the Indian state of West Bengal. It is the district headquarters of Purba Bardhaman, which served as a district capital during the British occupation. Burdwan another name for this town has been in used since then. A variety of factors, including diversity in microhabitats, aesthetic and botanical studies, abundant water bodies, and diversification of microhabitats in the ecopark, have resulted in the assemblage of variable vegetation taxa. Krishna SayerPark also known as Krishna Sayer Eco Park due to its self-sustaining systems that produce their own energy, harvest and purify their own water, and grow their own food.



Fig. 1. Study site

Thirty-nine species were chosen among the dominant species of the study site, and their girths were measured conventionally at breast height (GBH), which is approximately 1.32m above ground surface. Simply using bio-statistics employing allometric equations, the total biomass of the list plants was estimated. AGB was calculated by multiplying it's by the wood density of different tree species. The value of the tree bio-volume (BV) was calculated by multiplying the diameter of the tree by the height of the plants by a factor of 0.33. Theodolite is a measurement tool used to determine height. The world Agroforestry database (<http://db.worldagroforestry.org/wd>) is used to calculate wood density. The AGB was multiplied by 0.26 factors representing the root: shoot ratio, to determine the BGB.

Basal area (BA in m<sup>2</sup>)= (GBH)<sup>2</sup> / 4π

Tree Bio-Volume (BV in m<sup>3</sup>)=BA X Height X Form factor (0.33)

Above ground Biomass (AGB in Kg)= BV X wood density(kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Below ground mass (BGB in Kg)= AGBX 0.26

Total Biomass (TB in Kg)= AGB+BGB

Calculating carbon in general, 50% of any plant species' biomass is regarded as carbon. So, Carbon Storage/Carbon Sequestration Potential (Kg)= TB/2

The findings show that the research site has a higher plant diversity that increases its capacity to sequester carbon, with *Celastrus robustus* ranking top followed by *Terminalia arjuna*, *Albizia lebbeck*, and *Swietenia mahagoni*. The ability of the plants to store carbon represented in Table-1 and Fig. 2. Basal area (BA), and biomass (TB) varied depending on the type of plant species. About 1 trillion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> are stored in terrestrial ecosystems in the biomass produced by growing trees and plants. Numerous studies show that species have different levels of carbon storage and sequestration<sup>17,46</sup>.

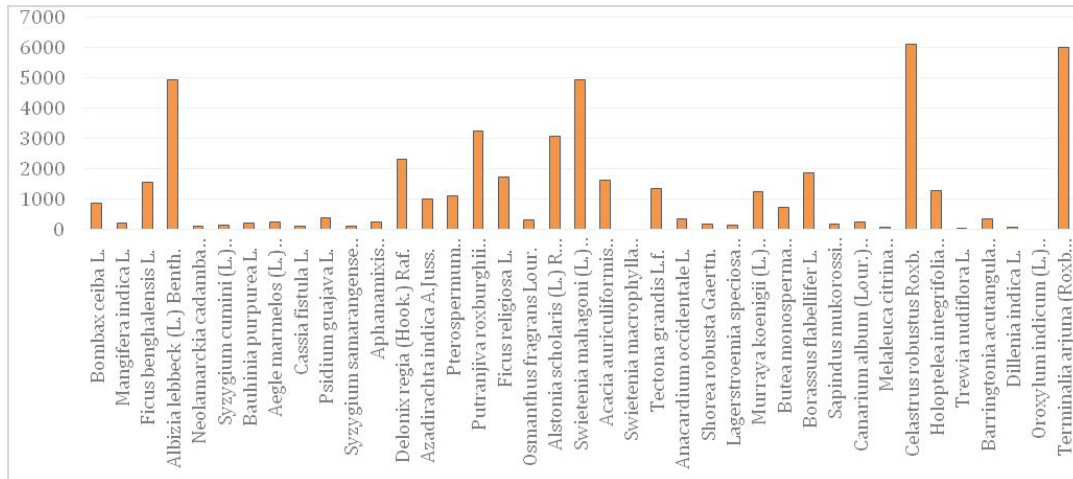


Fig. 2. Graphical representation of Carbon Sequestration Potential of listed plants

Table-1. Showing the listed plant species with Carbon Sequestration Potential

Scientific name	GBH in M	Height in Meter	Basal area BA= $(GBH)^2 / 4\pi(m^2)$	(Bio Volume BV)= BA X Height X Form factor $(0.33)(m^3)$	wood density WD $(kg/m^3)$	Above ground Biomass (AGB) = BV X wood density $(kg)$	Below ground mass (BGB)= AGBX 0.26(kg)	Total Biomass (TB)= AGB+ BGB(kg)	Carbon sequestration potential = TB/ 2(kg)
<i>Bombax ceiba</i> L.	2.745	21.3	0.5999 22373	4.2168 54357	320.5	1351.501 821	351.390 4736	1702.89 2295	851.446
<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	1.1285	17.8	0.1013 94287	0.59559	597.7	355.9841 695	92.5558 8407	448.540 0535	224.270
<i>Ficus benghalensis</i> L.	3.233	18.3	0.8321 88615	5.0255 87	490.3	2464.045 328	640.651 7852	3104.69 7113	1552.348
<i>Albizia lebbek</i> (L.) Benth.	4.27	27.4	1.4516 64013	13.125 95	596.4	7828.314 196	2035.36 1691	9863.67 5887	4931.837
<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) Bosser	0.823	22	0.0539 27468	0.391513	480.0	187.9264 41	48.8608 7466	236.787 3157	118.393
<i>Syzygium cumini</i> (L.) Skeels	0.762	22.3	0.0462 29618	0.3402 03758	701.1	238.5169	62.01438	300.5312	150.265
<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i> L.	0.915	21.8	0.0666 58041	0.4795 3795	720.0	345.2673	89.7695	435.0368	217.518
<i>Aegle marmelos</i> (L.) Corrêa	0.945	22	0.0711 00717	0.5161 91202	782.7	404.0229	105.0459	509.0688	254.534
<i>Cassia fistula</i> L.	0.549	24.3	0.0239 96895	0.1924 311	829.3	159.5831	41.49161	201.0747	100.537
<i>Psidium guajava</i> L.	1.128	20.2	0.1013 04459	0.6752 95521	858.7	579.8763	150.7678	730.6441	365.322
<i>Syzygium samarangense</i> (Blume) Merr. & L.M. Perry	0.701	17.3	0.0391 24283	0.2233 60534	712.0	159.0327 003	41.3485 0208	200.381 2024	100.191
<i>Aphanamixis polystachya</i> (Wall.) R.Parker	0.976	23.3	0.0758 42038	0.5831 49432	620.0	361.5526 477	94.0036 8841	455.556 3362	227.778

<i>Delonix regia</i> (Hook.) Raf.	2.44	46.1	0.4740 12739	7.2111 55796	510.0	3677.689 456	956.199 2586	4633.88 8715	2316.944
<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss.	1.55	35	0.1912 81847	2.2093 05334	727.5	1607.269 631	417.890 104	2025.15 9735	1012.579
<i>Pterospermum canescens</i> Roxb.	1.92	35	0.2935 03185	3.3899 61783	519.8	1762.102 135	458.146 5551	2220.24 869	1110.124
<i>Putranjiva roxburghii</i> Wall.	2.74	36.7	0.5977 38854	7.2392 15255	707.5	5121.744 793	1331.65 3646	6453.39 8439	3226.699
<i>Ficus religiosa</i> L.	2.44	40	0.4740 12739	6.2569 68153	441.0	2759.322 955	717.423 9684	3476.74 6924	1738.373
<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i> Lour.	1.22	15	0.1185 03185	0.5865 90764	841.5	493.6161 282	128.340 1933	621.956 3215	310.978
<i>Alstonia scholaris</i> (L.) R. Br.	3.05	50	0.7406 44904	12.220 64092	397.3	4855.260 639	1262.36 7766	6117.62 8405	3058.814
<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> (L.) Jacq.	2.74	60	0.5977 38854	11.835 2293	660.0	7811.251 338	2030.92 5348	9842.17 6685	4921.088
<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> Benth.	1.83	50	0.2666 32166	4.3994 30732	581.0	2556.069 256	664.578 0064	3220.64 7262	1610.323
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> King	0.152	12	0.0018 3949	0.0072 84382	533.4	3.885489 447	1.01022 7256	4.89571 6703	2.447
<i>Tectona grandis</i> L.f.	1.83	40	0.2666 32166	3.5195 44586	612.7	2156.424 968	560.670 4916	2717.09 5459	1358.547
<i>Anacardium occidentale</i> L.	1.52	20	0.1839 49045	1.2140 63694	454.1	551.3063 236	143.339 6441	694.645 9677	347.322
<i>Shorea robusta</i> Gaertn.	0.61	35	0.0296 25796	0.3421 77946	776.7	265.7696 105	69.1000 9874	334.869 7093	167.434
<i>Lagerstroemia parviflora</i> Roxb.	0.762	25	0.0462 29618	0.3813 94347	530.0	202.1390 04	52.5561 4104	254.695 145	127.347
<i>Murraya koenigii</i> (L.) Spreng.	2.44	20	0.4740 12739	3.1284 84076	636.0	1989.715 873	517.326 1269	2507.04 1999	1253.521
<i>Butea monosperma</i> (Lam.) Taub.	1.83	30	0.2666 32166	2.6396 58439	440.0	1161.449 713	301.976 9255	1463.42 6639	731.713

<i>Borassus flabellifer</i> L.	1.52	50	0.1839 49045	3.0351 59236	975.0	2959.280 255	769.412 8662	3728.69 3121	1864.346
<i>Sapindus mukorossi</i> Gaertn.	0.915	20	0.0666 58041	0.4399 43073	679.0	298.7213 467	77.6675 5015	376.388 8969	188.194
<i>Canarium album</i> (Lour.) DC.	1.52	15	0.1839 49045	0.9105 47771	432.5	393.8119 108	102.391 0968	496.203 0076	248.101
<i>Melaleuca citrina</i> (Curtis) Dum. Cours.	0.61	15	0.0296 25796	0.1466 47691	740.5	108.5926 152	28.2340 7996	136.826 6952	68.413
<i>Celastrus robustus</i> Roxb.	2.74	60	0.5977 38854	11.835 2293	820.0	9704.888 025	2523.27 0887	12228.1 5891	6114.079
<i>Holoptelea integrifolia</i> Planch.	2.44	25	0.4740 12739	3.9106 05096	515.5	2015.916 927	524.138 401	2540.05 5328	1270.027
<i>Trewia nudiflora</i> L.	0.61	12	0.0296 25796	0.1173 18153	440.8	51.71384 178	13.4455 9886	65.1594 4065	32.579
<i>Barringtonia acutangula</i> (L.) Gaertn.	1.22	25	0.1185 03185	0.9776 51274	580.4	567.4287 994	147.531 4878	714.960 2872	357.480
<i>Dillenia indica</i> L.	0.61	18	0.0296 25796	0.1759 77229	682.2	120.0516 658	31.2134 3312	151.265 0989	75.632
<i>Oroxylum indicum</i> (L.) Kurz	0.305	11	0.0074 06449	0.0268 8541	396.6	10.66275 362	2.77231 5941	13.4350 6956	6.71753
<i>Terminalia arjuna</i> (Roxb. ex DC.) Wight & Arn.	2.74	60	0.5977 38854	11.835 2293	805.0	9527.359 586	2477.11 3492	12004.4 7308	6002.236

The economic as well utilitarian values for biological diversity are based on the reality that man depends on biological variability for the products that nature can give such as resins, wood, paper-making fibers, food, biochemical natural products, genes and also information for biotechnology, which includes the production

of pharmaceuticals and cosmetics<sup>2</sup>. Narrowly utilitarian refers to justifications for biodiversity preservation based on the fact that nature provides innumerable direct economic benefits to humanity, such as natural sources of food, fuel, fiber, construction materials, industrial goods, and pharmaceuticals. Broadly utilitarian

Table-2. Showing the listed plant species with their family and their utilitarian value

Scientific name	Family	Category of Narrow utilitarian (NU) (Food, Fodder, Pharmaceuticals)	Ref
<i>Bombax ceiba</i> L.	Malvaceae	Pharmaceutics	Kumari <i>et al.</i> , <sup>29</sup> .
<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	Anacardiaceae	Food Pharmaceutics	Baloch <i>et al.</i> , <sup>10</sup> ; Shah <i>et al.</i> , <sup>57</sup> .
<i>Ficus benghalensis</i> L.	Moraceae	Pharmaceutics	Panday and Rauniar <sup>47</sup> ; Iltaf <i>et al.</i> , <sup>21</sup>
<i>Albizia lebbek</i> (L.) Benth.	Leguminosae	Pharmaceutics Fodder	Balkrishna <i>et al.</i> , <sup>8</sup> ; Kurdi <i>et al.</i> , 1996.
<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) Bosser	Rubiaceae	Pharmaceutics	Wang <i>et al.</i> , <sup>75</sup> .
<i>Syzygium cumini</i> (L.) Skeels	Myrtaceae	Food Pharmaceutics	Qamar <i>et al.</i> , <sup>52</sup> .
<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i> L.	Leguminosae	Pharmaceutics	T. Kumar and K.S. Chandrashekar, 2011. Zakaria <i>et al.</i> , <sup>80</sup> .
<i>Aegle marmelos</i> (L.) Corrêa	Rutaceae	Food Pharmaceutics	Venthodika <i>et al.</i> , <sup>74</sup> ; Sharma <i>et al.</i> , <sup>60</sup>
<i>Cassia fistula</i> L.	Leguminosae	Pharmaceutics	Siddiqua <i>et al.</i> , <sup>66</sup> ; Mwangi <i>et al.</i> , <sup>45</sup> .
<i>Psidium guajava</i> L.	Myrtaceae	Food Pharmaceutics	Tousif <i>et al.</i> , <sup>72</sup> .
<i>Syzygium samarangense</i> (Blume) Merr. & L.M. Perry	Myrtaceae	Food Pharmaceutics	Banadka <i>et al.</i> , <sup>11</sup> .
<i>Aphanamixis polystachya</i> (Wall.) R.Parker	Meliaceae	Pharmaceutics	Paul <i>et al.</i> , <sup>50</sup> .
<i>Delonix regia</i> (Hook.) Raf.	Leguminosae	Pharmaceutics	Sharma, S., & Arora, S. <sup>61</sup> .
<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss.	Meliaceae	Pharmaceutics	Baby <i>et al.</i> , <sup>6</sup> .
<i>Pterospermum canescens</i> Roxb.	Malvaceae	Pharmaceutics	Jaiganesh K.P. and Aunachalam G <sup>22</sup> .
<i>Putranjiva roxburghii</i> Wall.	Putranjivaceae	Pharmaceutics	Mishra <i>et al.</i> , <sup>41</sup> .
<i>Ficus religiosa</i> L.	Moraceae	Pharmaceutics	Mussarat <i>et al.</i> , <sup>43</sup> .
<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i> Lour.	Oleaceae	Pharmaceutics	Wang <i>et al.</i> , <sup>76</sup> .
<i>Alstonia scholaris</i> (L.) R. Br.	Apocynaceae	Pharmaceutics	Khyade <i>et al.</i> , <sup>28</sup> .

<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> (L.) Jacq.	Meliaceae	Pharmaceutics	Sukardiman <i>et al.</i> , <sup>68</sup> .
<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> Benth.	Leguminosae	Pharmaceutics Fodder	Sharma <i>et al.</i> , <sup>58</sup> ; Mathew <i>et al.</i> , <sup>39</sup> .
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> King	Meliaceae	Pharmaceutics	Moghadamtousi <i>et al.</i> , <sup>42</sup> .
<i>Tectona grandis</i> L.f.	Lamiaceae	Pharmaceutics	Asdaq <i>et al.</i> , <sup>5</sup> .
<i>Anacardium</i> <i>occidentale</i> L.	Anacardiaceae	Pharmaceutics Food	Salehi <i>et al.</i> , <sup>54</sup> .
<i>Shorea robusta</i> Gaertn.	Dipterocarpaceae	Pharmaceutics	Soni <i>et al.</i> , <sup>67</sup> .
<i>Lagerstroemia</i> <i>parviflora</i> Roxb.	Lythraceae	Pharmaceutics	Sharmin <i>et al.</i> , <sup>63</sup> .
<i>Murraya koenigii</i> (L.) Spreng.	Rutaceae	Pharmaceutics	Balakrishnan <i>et al.</i> , <sup>9</sup> .
<i>Butea monosperma</i> (Lam.) Taub.	Leguminosae	Pharmaceutics	Muthuswamy <i>et al.</i> , <sup>44</sup> .
<i>Borassus flabellifer</i> L.	Arecaceae	Pharmaceutics Food	Thi Le <i>et al.</i> , <sup>70</sup> .
<i>Sapindus mukorossi</i> Gaertn.	Sapindaceae	Pharmaceutics	Upadhyay <i>et al.</i> , <sup>73</sup> .
<i>Canarium album</i> (Lour.) DC.	Burseraceae	Pharmaceutics	Yeh YT <i>et al.</i> , <sup>79</sup> .
<i>Melaleuca citrina</i> (Curtis) Dum.Cours.	Myrtaceae	Pharmaceutics	Manikandan <i>et al.</i> , <sup>37</sup> .
<i>Celastrus robustus</i> Roxb.	Celastraceae	Pharmaceutics	Shen <i>et al.</i> , <sup>64</sup> .
<i>Holoptelea integrifolia</i> Planch.	Ulmaceae	Pharmaceutics	Ganie <i>et al.</i> , <sup>18</sup> .
<i>Trewia nudiflora</i> L.	Euphorbiaceae	Pharmaceutics	Kang <i>et al.</i> , <sup>25</sup> .
<i>Barringtonia</i> <i>acutangula</i> (L.) Gaertn.	Lecythidaceae	Pharmaceutics	Kaur <i>et al.</i> , <sup>27</sup> .
<i>Dillenia indica</i> L.	Dilleniaceae	Pharmaceutics Food	Kwiecinski <i>et al.</i> , <sup>31</sup> ; Das <i>et al.</i> , <sup>13</sup> .
<i>Oroxylum indicum</i> (L.) Kurz	Bignoniaceae	Pharmaceutics	Dinda <i>et al.</i> , <sup>14</sup> .
<i>Terminalia arjuna</i> (Roxb. ex DC.) Wight & Arn.	Combretaceae	Pharmaceutics	Amalraj <i>et al.</i> , <sup>4</sup> .

implies to biodiversity's broad and all-encompassing benefits, which are not exclusive to any one species and include pollination, oxygen production, air quality maintenance and aesthetic value<sup>34</sup>. Among the listed plants 2 and 8 plants used as fodder and food respectively where all the plants possess pharmaceuticals potential (Table-2).

Carbon sequestration potential reported at Tropical Forest Reserve and Benue State of Nigeria records *Delonix regia*, *Albizia lebbbeck*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Mangifera indica* are respectively 3,611.3 kg, 26.1 kg, 221 kg, 2755.8 kg<sup>15</sup>. Due to 20 years of limestone mine for the cement manufacture, *Bombax ceiba* native species can be used for regeneration in restoring a 0.2 km<sup>2</sup> significantly degraded tropical monsoon rainforest at Baopoling Mountain (BPL), Sanya, China. In a pristine tropical rainforest in BPL stomatal closure assisted *Bombax ceiba* in developing higher tolerance to drought stress than the most prevalent native plant like *Bridelia tomentosa*, hence better adjusting to drought stress in the dry season<sup>35</sup>. *Swietenia mahagoni* (18.08ton/tree) of Gujrat forest<sup>48</sup>, *Albizia lebbbeck* (2.419 ton/tree) of North Maharashtra University Jalgaon<sup>69</sup>, *Holoptelea integrifolia* (0.02-ton/tree) and *Terminalia arjuna* (2.2ton/tree) of Pushkar valley, Aravali region Rajasthan<sup>59</sup>, *Alstonia scholaris* (190.36 ton/tree) and *Delonix regia* (16.84ton/tree) of Shuats Campus *i.e.* Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Sciences, Allahabad<sup>38</sup> are the example of plant having high carbon sequester potential. AGB and carbon stock are respectively reported *Alstonia scholaris* (20.97 t/ha and 9.44 t/ha), *Acacia auriculi-formis* (5.84t/ha and 2.63t/ha), *Swietenia*

*macrophylla* (2.08t/ha and 0.93t/ha), *Syzygium cumini* (0.20t/ha and 0.08t/ha), *Azadirachta indica* (0.19t/ha and 0.06t/ha) at Isabela State University Wildlife Sanctuary (ISUWS), Cabagan, Isabela, Philippines<sup>49</sup>. Study based on Plantation in North Kalimantan, Indonesia, 8 years age of *Neolamarckia cadamba* forest produced 81.90 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> of biomass and 39.31 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> of carbon sequestration, respectively. However, a different plot for *N. cadamba* trees had 96.85 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> of biomass and 46.49 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> of carbon, While the third plot had values of 116.84 and 56.08 tons per hectare, respectively<sup>56</sup>. Urban forests of Universitas Indonesia in Depok contain *Bauhinia purpurea*, which stores 2.079 tons of carbon per hectare<sup>55</sup> whereas at Ratanpur, Nepal value is 1.47 kg/tree<sup>26</sup>. *Azadirachta indica* (39.138 tons), *Ficus benghalensis* (1.619 tons), *Delonix regia* (1.366 tons), *Albizia lebbbeck* (1.112 tons), *Murraya koenigii* (1.019 tons), *Ficus religiosa* (0.851 tons), *Syzygium cumini* (0.804 tons), *Mangifera indica* (0.143 tons), *Lagerstroemia parviflora* (0.137 tons), *Holoptelea integrifolia* (0.128 tons), *Aegle marmelos* (0.112 tons), *Alstonia scholaris* (0.064 tons), *Butea monosperma* (0.057 tons) are the potent carbon sequesters present at Kamareddy Municipality road side of Telangana state of southern India<sup>53</sup>.

Sustainable utilization of natural resources may serve as a successful conservation solution for plants with medicinal properties with diminishing stocks. *Swietenia mahagoni*<sup>68</sup>, *Holoptelea integrifolia*<sup>18</sup>, *Terminalia arjuna*<sup>4</sup>, *Alstonia scholaris*<sup>28</sup>, are the example of some angiospermic genera can be used as potent phytoresources for ecological optimization

through CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration as they are commonly grow in different parts of Asian continent.

Global carbon sequestration programme has the potential to make a particularly significant contribution to controlling the rise in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the next few decades. However, even the highest quantity of carbon that could be sequestered over the course of a century will be swamped by the enormity of fossil-fuel emissions. Carbon sequestration by plants should be seen as a component of a mitigation strategy not as a replacement for the changes in energy supply, consumption and technology that will be required to stabilize atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. The current study found that *Celastrus robustus* (6114.079 kg), *Terminalia arjuna* (6002.236 kg), *Albizia lebbeck* (4931.837 kg), and *Swietenia mahagoni* (4921.088 kg) sequester atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> with remarkable efficiency. In the final analysis, it can be claimed that the current research can open the door to aesthetic renewal through landscape design in conjunction with ecological optimization through CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration using suitable trees.

### Conflict of Interest

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