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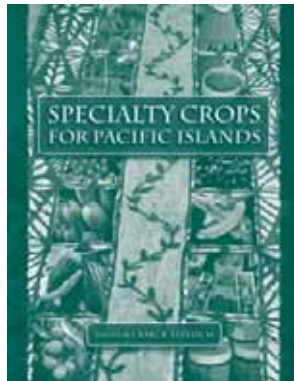
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This book contains a wealth of information on the local medicinal uses, including the different plant parts used and the way of preparation of the medicine, of more than 350 medicinal plants of the Equator province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. [Source: K.K. Mbuta et al. 2011. *Plantes medicinales de traditions: province de l'Equateur, R.D. Congo*. Democratic Republic of the Congo, Institut de recherche en sciences de la santé. (Please see page 41 for more information.)

**FAO finalizes second Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study**

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**State of Europe's Forests 2011 launched**



The UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), FAO and FOREST EUROPE have collaborated to produce *State of Europe's Forests 2011: Status & Trends in Sustainable Forest Management in Europe*, launched during the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (FOREST EUROPE) held in Oslo, Norway from 14 to 16 June 2011.

The report is based on detailed information provided by countries. The main findings of the report are that forests cover 1 billion ha in Europe, 80 percent of which are in the Russian Federation; European forests are expanding and remove the equivalent of about 10 percent of European greenhouse gas emissions; most Europeans think that their forests are shrinking; the sector provides 4 million jobs and accounts for 1 percent of the region's gross domestic product (GDP); low carbon-nitrogen ratios in forest soils will be problematic in several locations; and most countries have explicit objectives on forest-related carbon.

The authors of the report developed a draft method to assess the sustainability of European forests which, while not yet peer-reviewed, identifies a number of

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