



JOIN THE SOCIETY FOR ECONOMIC BOTANY (SEB) KENYA CHAPTER

ABOUT THE KENYAN CHAPTER

The Kenya Chapter was launched on the 23rd June, 2011 at the University of Nairobi, SPS Dean's Board Room, Chiromo Campus. The Key speakers during the launch were eminent ethnobotanists: Prof J.O. Kokwaro- Author of Medicinal plants of East Africa, and Prof L.E Newton- President, International Organization for Succulent Plant Study, the eminent anthropologist Prof S. Wandibba, and natural products network officials: NAPRECA Assistant Executive Officer, Prof A. Yenesew and ADAPPT President, Dr. J. Ogendo. Formation of the Kenya Chapter of the Society for Economic Botany (SEB) was conceived during the 50th annual meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, 2009. The Kenya chapter will function to collate research centered on the use of plants by peoples of the region. SEB (K) will enable knowledge sharing through links to the other chapters.

WHY WE NEED A KENYA CHAPTER OF SEB.

Kenyans have had an intimate and harmonious existence with plants for centuries. Kenya occurs within some of the world's important biodiversity hotspots and hence is endowed with a rich and diverse number of plant species, at least an eighth being endemic. Recent trends in land use, effects of climate change, environmental degradation and habitat conversion and loss has resulted in lose of plant diversity, and by extension diminished cultural knowledge associated with their use.

There is need for aggressive research activities and documentation of plant use in order to

preserve this heritage for the future generations. SEB research will enable the sustainable and innovative use of the plant resources such as the possibility of developing useful indigenous plants into commercial crops for food, medicine, timber and aesthetics.

MISSION STATEMENT

SEB Kenya Chapter will conserve the past and present indigenous knowledge and practices related to the use of Kenyan plants and promote novel ways of their utilization through education, documentation and research.

HOW TO JOIN SEB

All persons interested in the utilization of plants in Kenya or researchers in the ethnobotany, taxonomy, phytochemistry, pharmacology, etc of Kenyan plants are encouraged to join the SEB (Kenya Chapter). Membership and Registration fees can be paid in cash or by MPESA (Acc. 0720-574668) to the Honorary Interim Treasurer, Mrs. Jane Omari (NCST).

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Regular member Ksh1000, Students Ksh 500.

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