

## CONSERVATION OF TRADITIONAL NATURAL BELIEF SYSTEMS IN CHHATTISGARH

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*Sacred natural sites (often regarded as sacred groves) are the confluence of nature and traditional belief systems of the local people. Chhattisgarh being a tribal dominated state comprises of many such sites with different myths, beliefs and taboos. This paper deals with four such sacred sites and their associated traditional beliefs in three villages around Korba town in Korba district of the state. Major outcome of the study is erosion of knowledge among the new generation affecting the species conservation at these sites. However, with efforts from the communities and local authorities, there's a hope that these sites can be rejuvenated and their beliefs can be preserved and strengthened for the upcoming generations.*

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