

## TRADITIONAL MEDICINE USED FOR ORAL HYGIENE BY TOTO TRIBE OF WEST BENGAL, INDIA

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*Toto tribe is an endemic, endangered, endogamous, tribe, lives in the sub-Himalayan foot hills at Totopara in the Madarihat subdivision of Alipurduar district of West Bengal. They have a rich knowledge about Traditional medicinal knowledge. Here it has been observed that out of 17 plant species used by Toto tribe for their oral hygiene, 5 have already been employed in the codified Traditional medicine system literature and their efficacy is also becomes true under the light of Laboratory experimental knowledge. The rest 12 species which are also efficacy to treat Dental problem may need further screening based on laboratory-based screening process.*

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