SOCIO-RELIGIOUS AND ECOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE OF A SACRED GROVE FROM MIDNAPORE DISTRICT, WEST BENGAL

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The present paper provides an overview of the socio-religious and ecological dimensions of the Chilkigarh sacred grove. It records the existence value of the area in terms of ecology, environment, economy and human culture. The study discusses the future strategies for the effective long-term conservation and better management of the grove.

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