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## ABSTRACT

The Dara-ang (Palaung) is an ethnic group residing in northern Thailand, particularly in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai Provinces. Their lifestyle still rely on natural resources, especially the plant utilization. However, social and environmental changes may threaten the transmission of this traditional knowledge. This study aims to explore and document the ethnobotanical knowledge of the Dara-ang (Palaung) in Pang Daeng Village, Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai Province. Data collection was conducted during October 2024 to January 2025 through field surveys and interviews with key informants. The results found that 125 plant species from 43 families are utilized by the Dara-ang. The most number was Food plants (76 species or 58%), followed by medicinal plants (25 species or 19%). These results highlight the essential role of plants in the daily lives of the Dara-ang. The insights gained can serve as a foundation for future research on the application of plants in sustainable management of natural resources.

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