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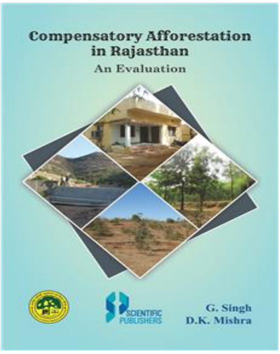

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This work encompasses an evaluation of randomly selected 156 assets and 86 plantation sites throughout Rajasthan conducted during November 2016 to June 2017. It is based on the works carried by the State Forest Department (SFD), Rajasthan at1079 sites under Compensatory Afforestation and Management Authority (CAMPA) and includes afforestation and refforestation under non-forest lands, degraded forest lands and Assisted Natural Regeneration Models, and asset developments. These data have been compiled into 6 chapters and provides valuable informations like adaptation among different species towards climatic and edaphic factors prevailing in the region based on survival, and height and collar diameter/girth growth of 57 plus tree species planted and 26 plus tree and shrub species were sown by seeds in different agroclimatic conditions of Rajasthan. It also discusses about the soil and water conservation devices used, protection measures and people participations adopted and their impacts on overall improvements in green cover and diversity of the treated areas. By emphasising on the concept of plus trees and shrubs for seed collection and their use in plantation programmes, this work will be useful in selecting tree and shrub species for further afforestation not only in Rajasthan but also in similar climatic conditions of other regions of India or aborad.

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