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Abbreviation used

AD: Anno Domini BC: Before Christ

BR: Biosphere Reserve

BSI: Botanical Survey of India

BTAD: Bodoland Territorial Area District

BTR: Bodoland Territorial Region

BUBH: Bodoland University Botanical Herbarium

c.: Circa (Approximately/around)

CBD: Convention on Biological Diversity

CITES: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and

Flora

CR: Critically Endangered CRF: Chirang Reserve Forest

DD: Data Deficient

E: Endangered

f.: forma

FV: Forest Village

GBIF: Global Biodiversity Information Facility

IPNI: International Plant Name Index

Koj: Kokrajhar

LC: Least Concern

MDF: Moderately Dense Forest

NGO: Non-Government Organization

NP: National Park OF: Open Forest

PA: Protected area

R: Rare

sq. kms.: Square Kilometers

ssp.: Subspecies

TR: Tiger Reserve

var.: variety

VDF: Very Dense Forest

VU: Vulnerable

WFO: World Flora Online WLS: Wildlife Sanctuaries