

**RESEARCH ARTICLE :**

Documentation of existing cultivation practices followed by *Khurasani* (*Guizotia abyssinica* spp.) growers of Palghar district of Maharashtra

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SUMMARY : *Khurasani* is an important secondary oilseed crop traditionally cultivated by tribal farmers from hilly area of Palghar district of Maharashtra. The genus *Guizotia* consists of six species, of which five, including *Khurasani*, are native to the Ethiopian highlands. In India it is considered as minor oilseed crop but it is very important in terms of its oil content, quality and potentiality. Practices followed by *Khurasani* growers have not been systematically documented so far. So, the present investigation was conducted in Jawhar and Mokhada tahsils of Palghar district with an objective, to document the existing cultivation practices followed by *Khurasani* growers. The sample was constituted 150 *Khurasani* growers drawn from two tahsils. The respondents were interviewed with the help of a semi-structured interview schedule. In this paper, analysis of data reveals on going practices followed by *Khurasani* farmers.

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