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Currently, I'm working on agro-forestry development, rainwater harvesting, renewable energy (biogas) production and use. I worked on agro-forestry, ecology and community based natural resource management issues in Indian Himalayan region. I have also worked on to explore the ecological, energy, economic and social dimensions of woody biomass production and use in Japan. My interest is on agro-forestry, ecology, biodiversity conservation and community based natural resource management. I gained a great deal of practical experience in the above said fields. My research findings have been adopted and extensively used by various stakeholders and organizations.

## Topic

Improving the livestock carrying capacity with rainwater harvesting and conservation on grasslands for extensive and/or intensive livestock production and

generation

manure in rural areas of

biogas

South Africa

## **CURRENT RESEARCH**

## Methodology

- GPS technology for mapping the homesteads
- Rain water harvesting
- Agro-forestry development
- Energy utilization pattern and consumption
- Biogas generation
- Homestead development

## **Application**

- Environmental conservation, sustainable energy consumption and use.
- Rural area development.
- Improve the quality of family life.

### **UKZN** main Publications

from

- 1. Rawat YS et al. (2013). Biogas production from manure at household level in rural South Africa (Under internal review)
- Rawat YS et al. (2013). Processes of homestead development in Drakensburg mountain of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. (under internal review)
- 3. Rawat YS et al. (2013). Energy utilization pattern of rural mountain communities of South Africa and India. (under internal review)
- **4. Rawat YS** et al (2013). Household biogas use in rural South Africa: An innovative approach for sustainable development (Poster-under process).

#### Past Researches

- Rawat, Y.S. and Everson, C.S. (2013). Availability and Use of Willow Species in Representative Cold Desert Areas of Northwestern Himalaya, India. J. of Mountain Science. 10(3):472-481.
- 2. Rawat, Y.S. and Everson C.S. (2012). Ecological status and uses of Junipers species in the cold desert of the Lahaul valley, North-Western Himalaya, India. *J. of Mountain Science*. 9: 676–686.
- 3. Rawat, Y.S. and Everson, C.S. (2011). *Inula racemosa* Hook. f.: A potential medicinal crop in cold desert agroecosystem North Western Himalaya, India. *J. of Medicinal Plant Research*. 5(26): 6218-6223.

#### **Future Interests**

Teaching, Research and development in the field of agro-forestry, ecology, biodiversity conservation and environmental sciences. International multidisciplinary research and development projects, Academic, Consultancy, Creative research and development

#### Extra Interests

Sports (cricket, table tennis), Gym, Swimming, Travels, Nature