

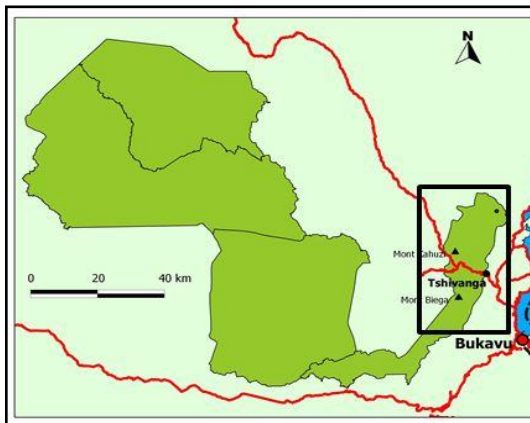
Typology of traditional healers around the mountain forest of Kahuzi-Biega, DR Congo

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➤ Aim: to characterize specialist healers around the Park

Why? Several ethnobotanical studies have demonstrated links between the folk medicinal practices with ethnic and geographic identity of healers.... while many others concluded the opposite.



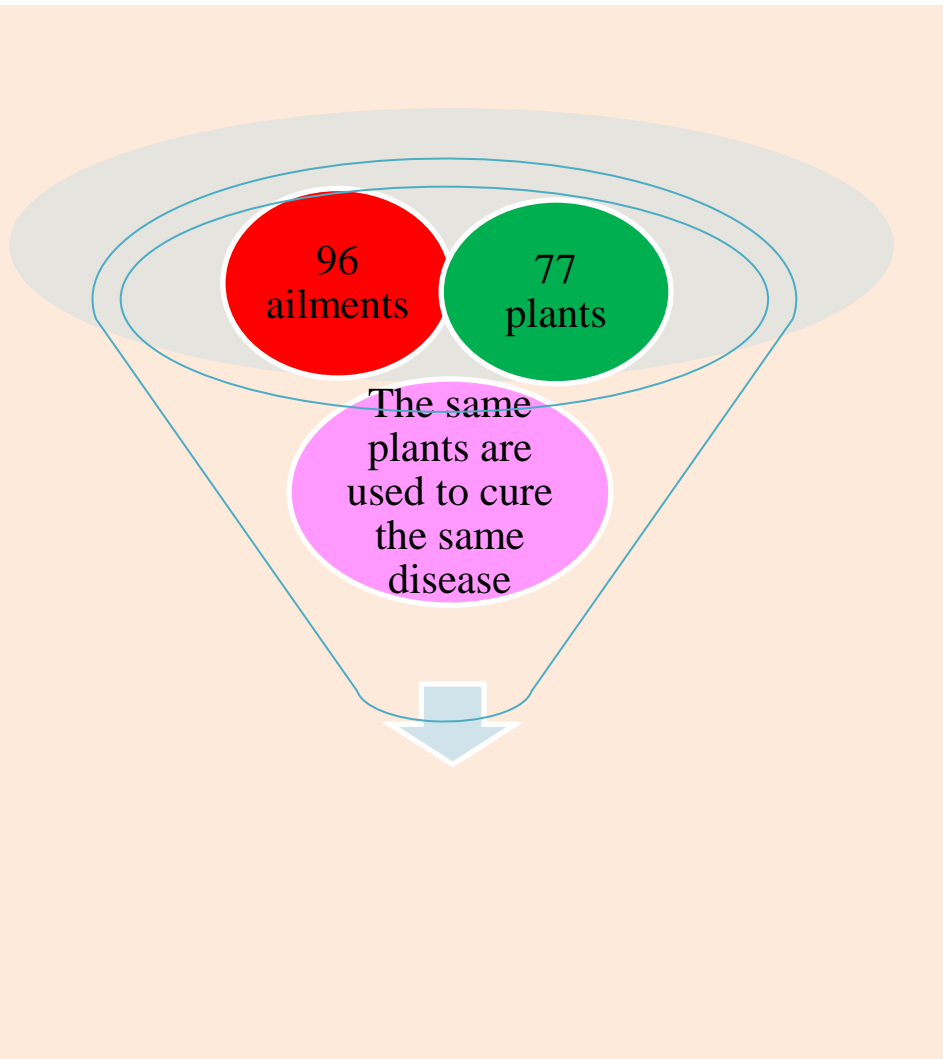
Where?

✓ Kahuzi-Biega region, 2010-2012

How?

- ✓ 88 healers from 4 ethnic groups
- ✓ Ethnobotany surveys
- ✓ Multivariate analysis

- Results: 1. The typology of healers is linked to their specialities; the specialist treat the same ailments with the same plants.



2. Specialists have a preference on forest species (80%); while....



3. 47% of plants used by the specialist healers are consumed by the lowland gorillas....