

## **Digital Library of Mexican Traditional Medicine**

The website <u>Sharing Knowledges</u> of Mexico promotes, among other initiatives of great international interest, the Digital Library of Mexican Traditional Medicine. Created in 2009 by the Mexico Multicultural Nation University Programme of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (PUMC-UNAM) it is the first digital library of its kind in Mexico and Latin America.

Produced with the participation of researchers, students, health workers and traditional doctors of indigenous peoples, the Library is articulated in the following sections:

- Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Mexican Traditional Medicine, which contains about 1,100 entries of causes of demand for care, human resources, materials, diagnostic and therapeutic methods.
- The Traditional Medicine of the Indigenous Communities of Mexico containing 47 monographs describing relevant aspects of the traditional medicine of 56 indigenous groups of Mexico.
- Mexican Traditional Medicine Plants Atlas, containing 1.045 monographs on the most frequently used medicinal plants of Mexican traditional medicine.
- *Indigenous Medicinal Plants of Mexico*, composed by 33 monographs on different indigenous communities or regions of the country, realized by more than 230 indigenous traditional healers.

The systematization, documentation and digitization of this knowledge on the traditional medical system of Mexico is a work of transcendent value and can inspire Universities of other countries interested in enhancing traditional medicine, also in view of its integration in public health systems.

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