

Medicinal Plants and Economic Development (MPED) Research Center

Medicinal Plants and Economic Development (MPED) Research Center was previously referred to as the Phytomedicine Research Center in the University of Fort Hare.

The new repositioning came to effect on the 1st of November 2013. The focus of the Research Niche Area is the development of scientific strategies, through a holistic approach, for the sustainable exploitation and management of high value plants and their resources for the betterment of the people of the Eastern Cape.

MPED is a multidisciplinary research center that investigates the harnessing of the potential of indigenous plants in ensuring the creation of sustainable livelihoods for the people of the Eastern Cape in particular and the entire nation in general.

Our main focal areas are: The chemical properties and value of plants and their extracts, the development of commercial, pharmaceutical and nutritional products that may arise from the chemical analysis; indigenous knowledge systems linked to plants and their uses and the ecological and conservational considerations relating to plant harvesting and production.

[Publications](#) ^[1]

[Present Team Members](#) ^[2]

The Center has graduated a number of students:

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The Center has had a number of visitors in the past, in the form of Post-Doctoral students or visiting researchers:

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Links:

[1] <http://www.ufh.ac.za/departments/botany/publications>

[2] <http://www.ufh.ac.za/departments/botany/present-team-members>

[3] <http://www.ufh.ac.za/departments/botany/past-graduands-mped-research-center>

[4] <http://www.ufh.ac.za/departments/botany/previous-visitors-mped-research-center>