



Status and Distribution Pattern of Sour Cherry (*Prunus cerasus* L.) in Moist Temperate Region of Jammu & Kashmir

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Abstract: The survey on sour cherry (*Prunus cerasus* L.) was conducted at village level by incorporating block and panchayat through transit walk, informal interview and questionnaire methods wherein the entire Kashmir valley was divided into North, South and Central zones. The survey study revealed its presence in all the districts of Kashmir with varying proportion having sporadic distribution. The species was not found so promising across the valley but its occurrence was higher in south zone than north and central zones. The health of the trees growing in south part is better than north and central part of the province as per the growth parameters. The observations revealed that the species did not had influence the economy of the farmers directly.

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