

# Review of: "Ethnobotanical Documentation of Yerba Mate in Syria"

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I consider the work to be important because it rescues the use of yerba mate in contemporary Syrian society.

Documenting these uses is essential from an ethnobotanical point of view because it will allow laying the foundations for future studies.

I think the work could have gone deeper into collecting data from the interviewees regarding how they came to use yerba mate, and with this data, it could have explored the origins of the use.

On the other hand, the discussion of the work should analyze in detail the results obtained in order to draw in-depth conclusions about the use of yerba mate. At this point is where I consider that the work remained only as a compilation of information when analyzing it in more detail could have revealed this use of yerba mate.

I hope that the authors continue to investigate the subject and can provide more information on the topic.

I also leave two specific comments on two sections:

Introduction:

1. Yerba mate is not used in all of Latin America, but rather only in some South American countries, mainly Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Results:

1. There is added information that is not the result of this research. I think it would be important in this section to only refer to the data obtained from this research.

Sincerely.