

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

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• Title

- Suggestion: include the scientific name and botanical family in the title: "Ethnobotanical Documentation of Yerba Mate *Ilex paraguariensis*, (AQUIFOLIACEAE) in Syria".

• Abstract.

- Suggestion (Note that the format depends on the journal): delete the subtitle (Ethnopharmacological Relevance, Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusion) and put the abstract in one paragraph.
- The last sentence in the Ethnopharmacological Relevance is identical to the objective « This study documents the cultural, social, and health-related practices », It will be deleted.
- The conclusion in the abstract is quite long; I propose to keep just the last two sentences.
- On-line survey/electronic survey!

• Introduction

- The first recorded export to Syria occurred in 1936, and by 2018, Syria was the second-largest importer [3][6], with 39.6 tons. In 2019, Syria ranked as the top destination for yerba mate exports (31 million kilograms), followed by Chile and Lebanon [5].

Units of measurement should be standardized (in tons or kg).

- 39.6 tons
- 31 million kg = 31,000 tons?

• Methodology

• Data Collection

Participants for the study were chosen using purposive snowball sampling [10][11]. Data were collected during June and July 2024 through an electronic survey distributed to a diverse sample of consumers from different regions throughout Syria.

"An electronic survey" to be specified: by phone, by smartphone, by e-mail, or other. The application must also be

specified: Kobo Collect or other.

- **Data Analysis**

The analysis types may be specified: descriptive statistics; principal component analysis; correspondence factor analysis; means comparison; or else.

- **Results**

- I propose to associate “results and discussion” as there is another study, with publications cited in the results such as: table 1, Medicinal Uses of Yerba Mate, Recent Studies on the Medicinal Use of Yerba Mate (Discussion!).

- **Paragraph format**

- I propose to justify the paragraphs (but it depends on the journal).