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***SHORT COMMUNICATION***

**Let’s not Lose the Horror of Midnight Horror Tree Vineeta, Gopal Shukla, Nazir A Pala and Sumit Chakravarty** *Department of Forestry*

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**ABSTRACT**

*Midnight Horror tree or Oroxylum indicum (L.) Vent. is a highly valuable medicinal plant used widely in folk medicines of wide genre, ayurvedic formulations and has high demand in pharmaceutical industries. Unsustainable collection from its natural habitat, habitat destruction, and high demand of this valuable plant has threatened its existence placing it in endangered list of IUCN. The plant requires special attention for its conservation and also to fulfill the medicinal demand. Conservation of this species warrants its domestication in farming system through agroforestry and commercial plantation to satisfy its demand. This needs easy availability of quality planting material for its large scale and rapid propagation, which is viably possible with vegetative propagation through cutting and tissue culture. Ex situ and in situ conservation of this species will ensure our future generations also to be continuously horrified by this plant at midnight.*

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