

LANTANA CRAFT

M e l a g i r i s



Background

Native to South America, *Lantana camara* was brought to India by the British as ornamental plants, possibly as long as 200 years ago. Forest officials in different parts of the country have watched helplessly as the invasive plant has spread, and efforts to contain it have gone largely in vain. Large tracts of Melagiris are affected by lantana which hinders the growth of native vegetation that herbivores such as deer and elephants forage on. *Lantana camara* (invasive species) have been recognized to be an important threat to biodiversity that causes negative impacts in recipient ecosystems, alters habitat structures, etc. Lantana grows at a ferocious rate and removing it has its own challenges. Eradicating Lantana poses a huge and a daunting task as it has covered more or less the entire Melagiris range (approx. 1000 sq. km).

Kenneth Anderson Nature Society (KANS) an NGO working closely with Tamilnadu Forest Dept. and in collaboration with ATREE had embarked on a journey of training the Irularu tribal folk in developing furniture using lantana. The underlying narrative is “*Using Lantana as a Resource Opportunity*”. The advantage is twofold: Extract/remove lantana from forest and use it as a resource for developing furniture, thus infusing value to their livelihood. The Irularus settled in Periya Sathanakal near Denkanikottai TN were grossly dependent on earnings from daily wages (coolie work) and cultivate a few crops during the raining season. This alternate skill has provided an additional livelihood.

Your first step in Nature Conservation:

Purchasing Lantana furniture will help in reducing its density in the forests thereby increasing bio-diversity that greatly benefits the native flora and fauna. A win-win situation for the forest department and the Irularu. Community participation in Lantana extraction /forest conservation is one of the long term solutions to protect and conserve our forests.

Furniture made from Lantana camara



BENDING LANTANA INTO DESIGNS

Lantana furniture is extremely durable, has a good natural and a earthy look, is eco-friendly, affordable and is definitely worth trying as an alternative to other materials currently available in the market!

We have seen lantana furniture last more than 10 years





Lantana - A Journey Through the Labyrinth
Inspired by Nature Conservation



Mallesha's creations...



Mallappa's creations...



Varadarajan's creations...



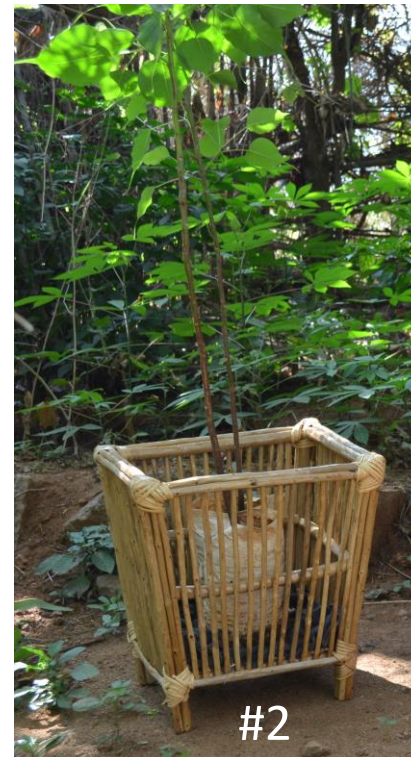
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₹ 1,200/-



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CLASSIC CENTRE
TABLE

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CHAIR

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Additional Designs



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