

Autecology of *Sida spinosa* Linn. —A Medicinal Herb

D.G. Varadpande¹ and R. Thomas²

The well known medicinal plant *Sida spinosa* Linn. is studied. The whole plant is of medicinal use in various medicinal preparations. It grows abundantly throughout the tropics and in hotter belts of India. Autecological investigations are undertaken to study the seed germination. The dormancy is located in the seed coat and to break the dormancy and to induce germination, mechanical scarification is fruitful and complete removal of seed coat also gives 100% of germination.

1, 2. Department of Botany, University of Poona, Pune.