

**A STUDY OF NATURE OF SHIFTING CULTIVATION AT AMBEGOAN, PUNE DIST.  
MAHARASHTRA**

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**ABSTRACT**

*Shifting cultivation is an agricultural system in which a person uses a piece of land, only to abandon or alter the initial use a short time later. This system often involves clearing of a piece of land followed by several years of wood harvesting or farming until the soil loses fertility. Jhuming is widely practiced food production system. It has been criticized on ecological and socio-economic grounds. Large scale burning of forest, destruction of natural habitats and the consequent reduction of species of fauna and flora are some of the conspicuous results of jhuming. It is often said to be damaging the environment.*

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