

Innovative Protection of Valuable Trees Form Smuggling Using Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing

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Abstract: *In recent years poaching or smuggling of environmentally and economically important species of trees in forested areas- such as Sandalwood, Teakwood, Pine and Rosewood has tremendously increased. There have been several initiatives undertaken by different stakeholders– and in particular by the Govt. of India, to mitigate these problems. These include the recruitment, training, and deployment of anti-poaching watchers and/or private/govt. security guards across forests. Strict punishments for convicted offenders, as well as giving special incentives for anti-poaching activities (Twelfth Five Year Plan 2012-2017) were aimed at eradicating the menace. The main idea presented in this paper is to design an image processing through the camera. It will be mounted in a forest area, capable of detecting theft as well as automatically initiating send alert signals.*

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