

Ethnomedical Information on Bitter Melon (*Momordica charantia*) Leaf / Plant / Vine

Plant Part / Location	Documented Ethnic Use	Type Extract / Route	Used For	Ref #
Vine Bahamas	Used as an emmenagogue. Used to achieve early abortion.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral Hot H2O Ext / Oral	HumanFemale Human (pregnant)	T05032
Entire Plant Belize	Used for skin conditions, infections, infestations of ticks and chiggers and stubborn sores and wounds.	Decoction / External	Human Adult	ZZ1019
Entire Plant Belize	Used to treat diabetes. Used as a blood and organ cleanser.	Not stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1019
Leaf + Vine Belize	Used to prevent intestinal parasites, amoebas, anemia, tiredness, constipation, delayed menses, skin problems and painful periods.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1019
Leaf Belize	Raw leaves chewed for sore throat and mouth sores.	Raw / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1019
Leaf Belize	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T05011
Vine Bimini	Used for diabetes and fevers. Used as an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult Human(pregnant)	T00359
Meristem Brazil	Used as a vermifuge.	Not Stated / External	Human Adult	K18765
Entire Plant Brazil	Used against colic. Used against fevers.	ETOH(95%)Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A00499
Entire Plant Brazil	Used as a vermifuge. Used as a febrifuge.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	T15975
Entire Plant Brazil	Used for eczema. Used for fevers and as a substitute for quinine. Used for hemorrhoids.	Not stated / Not stated Tincture / Not stated Infusion / Not stated	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	ZZ1002
Leaf Brazil	Used for leucorrhoea, colic, worms, rheumatism and difficult menstruation. Used for scabies.	Not Stated Juice / External	Human Adult Human Adult	ZZ1002
Leaf Brazil	Used as a malaria remedy and for the treatment of hepatitis.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	L15570
Leaf Brazil	Used to treat rheumatism. Cataplasm prepared from fresh leaves is applied to treat leprosy, especially to reduce the pain.	H2O Ext / Oral H2O Ext / External	Human Adult Human Adult	A00499

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Leaf Brazil	Used for leucorrhea, as an emmenagogue and vermifuge. Used for diabetes. Used for dermatosis. Used for hemorrhoids.	Infusion / Oral Leaf / External Fruit / Bath	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	ZZ1096
Leaf Brazil	Used for fever, itch and sores.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	L04137
Leaf Brazil	Used for leukemia and menstrual colic. Used as an emollient. Used as an anthelmintic and antidiabetic. Used as a purgative and employed to combat scabies.	Infusion / Oral Juice / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Stem Brazil	Used for fevers and malaria.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	K07977
Fruit + Leaf + Stem Brazil	Used as a purgative, febrifuge. Used for leucorrhea, catarrh, rheumatism, liver inflammation, diabetes, abdominal colic. Used for problems of the skin, burns and hemorrhoids.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral Hot H2O Ext / External	Human Adult Human Adult	ZZ1093
Stem + Leaf Brazil	Used as a febrifuge, for fevers, antirheumatic and anthelmintic. Used for rheumatism, leucorrhea and vaginitis.	Infusion / Oral Decoction / External	Human Adult	ZZ1007
Aerial Parts Colombia	Used for snakebite.	Infusion / External	Human Adult	L15991
Leaf Costa Rica	Used as an emmenagogue.	Not stated / Oral	Human Female	T01287
Entire Plant Cuba	Used to treat sterility in women.	Not stated / Not stated	Human Female	A00115
Leaf Cuba	Used as an antianemic, a hypoglycemic and a vermifuge.	Not stated / Oral	Human Adult	K27017
Vine Curacao	Decoct with sugar, drunk for high blood pressure.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A05449
Aerial Parts England	Used for diabetes.	Aerial Parts / Oral	Human Adult	L05182
Leaf Juice Fiji	Used for hypertension, dysentery and diabetes.	Juice / Oral	Human Adult	T10632
Leaf Guatemala	Used for diabetes, stomachaches, hepatitis, malaria and urinary problems.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	K28434
Leaf Guatemala	Used for ringworm and skin fungal diseases.	Hot H2O Ext / Not stated	Human Adult	M27151
Leaf Guinea	Used as an anthelmintic.	H2O Ext / Rectal	Human Adult	K27039
Plant Juice Haiti	Used for fever and a deficiency of appetite. Used for eye affection.	Juice / Oral Juice / Ophthalmic	Human Adult	T13846

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Entire Plant Haiti	Used against fever. Used to stimulate the appetite.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T04647
Entire Plant Haiti	Used for cutaneous affection. Used for deficiency of appetite, liver troubles, rage, and anemia. Used for eye affection.	Plant / External Decoction / Oral H2O Ext / Ophthalmic	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	T13846
Aerial Parts Haiti	Used for fever.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	T13846
Entire Plant India	Used as an abortifacient. and emmenagogue.	Juice / Oral	HumanFemale	A04132
Leaf India	Used as a purgative in children.	Leaves / Oral	Human Child	K11282
Leaf India	Used as an anthelmintic.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	W00384
Leaf India	Used as a galactagogue. Used as an emmenagogue in dysmenorrhea. Used for leprosy, piles and jaundice. Used as an anthelmintic.	Butanol Ext / Oral Hot H2O Ext / Oral Hot H2O Ext / Oral Juice / Oral	Human Female Human Female Human Adult Human Adult	T05236
Flower + Leaf India	Used regularly each month to avoid childbirth through early abortion.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human(pregnant)	A04902
Vine India	Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Female	A04179
Leaf Ivory Coast	Used as an aphrodisiac. Leaves crushed and juice drunk with palm wine.	Juice / Oral	Human Male	A04941
Entire Plant Jamaica	Used as bush tea.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	W04546
Entire Plant Mexico	Used to treat diabetes. Used to treat dysentery.	Decoction / Oral Decoction / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	K16948
Leaf Mexico	Used as an aphrodisiac.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Male	A04179
Leaf Juice Nepal	Used as a purgative and an emetic.	Juice / Oral	Human Adult	A00020
Leaf Nicaragua	Used for belly pain, to build up the blood, for diabetes, fever, colds, cough, headache, malaria, pain and as a purgative. Used for skin disease. Used for childbirth and menstrual pain.	Leaves / Not stated Leaves / Oral Leaves / Not stated	Human Adult Human Adult HumanFemale	K26492

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Leaf Nicaragua	Used for skin rashes and aches and pains. Used as a tonic. Used for anemia, colds, fever, cough, malaria, hypertension, infections and diabetes. Used for childbirth.	Decoction / External Decoction / Oral Decoction / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human(pregnant)	K27070
Leaf + Stem Nicaragua	Used for skin rashes and sores. Used for aches and pains. Used for childbirth and pregnancy. Used for fever, hypertension, infections, diabetes, respiratory and pulmonary disorders, malaria and as a tonic for anemia.	Decoction / External Decoction / Oral Decoction / Oral Decoction / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human(pregnant) Human Adult	L16047
Leaf Nigeria	Eaten as a pot herb.	Leaves / Oral	Human Adult	T06510
Leaf Nigeria	Used to treat breast cancer.	Not Stated / Not stated	Human Adult	T07722
Entire Plant Nigeria	Used for malignant ulcers.	Plant / External	Human Adult	T07722
Leaf Nigeria	Used to treat diarrhea. 15-20 leaves crushed into 2-3 glasses water. Filtrate taken orally with table salt to taste.	H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	K08933
Aerial Parts Panama	Used as an antihypertensive.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	L18181
Leaf Panama	Used as an antipyretic, choleric and antidiabetic.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T01287
Leaf Peru	Used for diabetes.	H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1008
Leaf Peru	Used to treat measles. Used to treat sores. Used against malaria.	Decoction / Oral Decoction / External Infusion / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	L04137
Entire Plant Philippines	Used as a bath for newborns. Believed to remove disease-causing elements from the skin. Used for coughs in infants.	Decoction / External Benzene Ext / Oral	Human Child Human Child	T10116
Leaf Philippines	Used as an antidiabetic.	Leaves / Oral	Human Adult	J17272
Leaf Philippines	Used for diabetes.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	J16266
Vine Philippines	Used as a powerful emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Female	A04179
Vine Puerto Rico	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A00637
Vine Puerto Rico	Used as an antidiabetic.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A04179

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Vine Puerto Rico	Vine is rubbed on skin to relieve itching.	Plant / External	Human Adult	A06027
Entire Plant Puerto Rico	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A14280
Leaf Rodrigues Islands	Used for indigestion, flatulence and diabetes.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	K26851
Entire Plant Senegal	Used medicinally.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T09739
Entire Plant Senegal	Used as a cicatrizant. Used for intestinal pain.	Hot H2O Ext / External Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T12145
Entire Plant Surinam	Used for appetite, as a tonic, for colds, fever, arthritis, hypertension, diabetes, kidney stones and colic.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	J12451
Entire Plant Thailand	Used as an antipyretic.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	W3022A
Leaf Thailand	Said to be edible.	Plant / Oral	Human Adult	L12243
Leaf Thailand	Eaten as a food.	Leaves / Oral	Human Adult	K25144
Leaf Thailand	Used as an antipyretic.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	W03804
Leaf Togo	Used for malaria.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	M23556
Leaf Trinidad	Used to treat diabetes.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	J19078
Fruit + Leaf + Stem Trinidad	Used for diabetes (non insulin-dependent).	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	M23565
Leaf West Indies	Used as a powerful emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Female	A00115
Leaf West Indies	Used for diabetes, hypertension, worms and malarial fever.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T00701
Leaf West Indies	Used to make a bitter-tasting tea for its anti-diabetic properties.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	M23109
Vine West Indies	Used regularly each month by women to avoid childbirth by early abortion.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human (pregnant)	A04179
Entire Plant West Indies	Used as a laxative. Infusion alone or with <i>Bidens reptans</i> for menstrual troubles. Used as an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral H2O Ext / Oral H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult Human Female Human (pregnant)	T00701
Aerial Part West Indies	Fresh, dried or boiled vine with salt added given to women before or after childbirth.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human (pregnant)	T00701

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Aerial Parts Not Stated	Used to treat diabetes.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	J13964

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Fruit Asia	Traditionally consumed in large amounts for the treatment of diabetes.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	M23109
Fruit Australia	Bitter, but edible after steeping in salt water and cooking. Used as an anthelmintic and emetic.	Plant / Oral	Human Adult	A05524
Fruit Bimini	Eaten as food.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	T00359
Fruit Brazil	Used to treat wounds. Fruit juice mixed with ricinus oil in equal parts and serves as an anthelmintic when used internally.	Hot H2O Ext / External Juice / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	A00499
Fruit Brazil	Used for tumors.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Fruit + Leaf Brazil	Used as a vermifuge.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1002
Fruit Brazil	Used as an anthelmintic and to lower blood sugar.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Fruit China	Used as a male aphrodisiac.	Decoction / Oral	Human Male	K29113
Fruit China	Used as a food.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	J18457
Fruit China	Used for diabetes mellitus both mild-moderate chronic cases. Used to reduce glucose in the blood and urine and the frequency of urination.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Fruit Colombia	Used for snakebite.	Infusion / External	Human Adult	L15991
Fruit + Leaf Cuba	Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult(female)	W02855
Fruit England	Used for diabetes.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	L05182

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Fruit England	Used for diabetes. Used as an ingredient in curries eaten by immigrants.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	M22031
Fruit Fiji	Used for stomach worms, fever, phlegm and diabetes. Fruits are fried or curried.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	T10632
Fruit Guadeloupe	Reported to have hypoglycemic activity.	Not stated	Not Stated	T07660
Fruit India	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A14379
Fruit India	Used for diabetes.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	A14458
Fruit India	Used for diabetes.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	L15996
Fruit India	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	M22671
Fruit India	Used for hydrophobia. <i>Notonia grandiflora</i> juice is mixed with bitter gourd powder and taken internally.	Powder / Oral	Human Adult	M27166
Fruit India	Used as an abortifacient in large doses.	Fruit / Oral	Human (pregnant)	A00115
Fruit India	Used as a remedy for diabetes mellitus.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	J03769
Fruit India	Used as an antivenin.	Oil Ext / External or Juice / Not stated	Human Adult	K25892
Fruit India	Used for diabetes.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	L05654
Fruit India	Used as an antileprotic. Used as an anthelmintic.	Not stated Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	W00113
Fruit India	Used as an anthelmintic.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	W00384
Fruit India	Used as a common vegetable.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	K17959
Fruit India	Used for jaundice, piles, leprosy, rheumatism and gout. Used as a tonic and laxative, dysmenorrhea and as a emmenagogue.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	T05236
Fruit India	Commonly eaten as a vegetable. Used for diabetes mellitus.	Fruit / Oral Juice / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	W00678
Fruit Juice India	Used to treat diabetes. 5 ml of fruit juice mixed with 5 to 10 fruits of black pepper powder is given early in the morning 3-6 weeks.	Fruit Juice / Oral	Human Adult	K25290

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Fruit Juice India	Used for malarial fevers.	Juice / Oral	Human Adult	M23219
Fruit Iraq	Used for leprosy. Used as an anthelmintic.	Not Stated / Not stated Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	W00113
Fruit Jamaica	Used for diabetes.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	K20280
Fruit Jamaica	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T07170
Fruit Nigeria	Eaten as a pot herb.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	T06510
Fruit + Leaf Nigeria	Used as a laxative and anthelmintic.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	K08933
Fruit + Leaf Nigeria	Used as an anthelmintic.	Juice / Oral	Human Adult	T07722
Fruit Pakistan	Used for diabetes.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	L03572
Fruit Pakistan	Eaten as a food.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	H19648
Fruit Juice Panama	Used as a malaria preventative.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Fruit Peru	Used as a purgative. Used for contusions, respiratory conditions and wounds.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral Hot H2O Ext / External	Human Adult Human Adult	T15323
Fruit Peru	Used to treat hepatitis. Used as a suppurative. Used as a vermifuge, an emetic and a febrifuge. Used as an emmenagogue.	Infusion / Oral Not Stated / External Not Stated / Oral Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Female	L04137
Fruit Peru	Used for diarrhea and colic.	Juice / Oral	Human Adult / Child	ZZ1008
Fruit Saudi Arabia	Used for diabetes, rheumatism, gout, liver disorders, spleen disorders, pyrexia, colic, flatulence and menstrual suppression.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	M22673
Fruit Saudi Arabia	Used for diabetes, rheumatism, gout, liver disorders, spleen disorders, pyrexia, colic and flatulence. Used for menstrual suppression.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult Human Female	T10348
Fruit Sri Lanka	Used as a hypoglycemic agent.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T08396
Fruit Sri Lanka	Used as an anthelmintic.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	W00113
Fruit Juice Sri Lanka	Used to treat diabetes mellitus.	Juice / Oral	Human Adult	K17959

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Fruit Juice Sri Lanka	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	M17655
Fruit Thailand	Said to be edible.	Plant / Oral	Human Adult	L12243
Fruit Thailand	Used as an anti-inflammatory.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	T16711
Fruit Thailand	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	W01792
Fruit Thailand	Used as a food.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	J18457
Fruit Turkey	Used as a treatment for peptic ulcers.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	K11898
Fruit Turkey	Used as an antiallergic, antihepatic and antipruritic. Used as an anti-inflammatory.	Plant / Oral Plant / External	Human Adult Human Adult	K27792
Fruit Turkey	Used to treat ulcers.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	K18219
Fruit USA	Used as a remedy for hemorrhoids. Used to treat snakebite, leprosy, itching skin, burns and wounds.	Hot H2O Ext / Rectal Plant / External	Human Adult Human Adult	A04179
Fruit USA	Used for bacillary dysentery and to relieve chronic colitis. Used in large doses as an abortifacient.	Plant / Oral Plant / Oral	Human Adult Human(pregnant)	A04179
Fruit Juice USA	Used to treat burns. Used for thrush. Used as a substitute for quinine in intermittent fever, liver and spleen ailments, gout, menstrual difficulties, and rheumatism. Used as a vermifuge and purgative.	Plant / External Plant / Oral Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	A04179
Fruit Virgin Islands	Used for a bad heart and diabetes.	Fruit / Oral	Human Adult	W00903
Fruit West Africa	Used as an antidiabetic remedy.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	T02106
Fruit West Africa	Used as an abortifacient.	Fruit / Oral	Human (pregnant)	W00113
Fruit West Indies	Juice used for diabetes.	Juice / Oral	Human Adult	T00701
Fruit Not Stated	Used as insecticide. Used to treat colds. Unripe fruit eaten. Used as a purgative. Used as an anthelmintic. Dose in brazil is two or three seeds. Used as an abortifacient.	Fruit / Not stated Fruit / Oral Not Stated / Oral Plant Juice / Oral Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human (pregnant)	K19563
Fruit Not Stated	Used to treat diabetes.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	J13964

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Root Africa	Used as an aphrodisiac.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult(male)	A04179
Root East Africa	Used as an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human (pregnant)	W00113
Root Australia	Claimed to be abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human(pregnant)	A05524
Root Brazil	Claimed to be a purgative in small doses. Claimed to induce abortion. Claimed to have an aphrodisiac effect. Used as an emetic or vomitive in large doses.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral Hot H2O Ext / Oral Tincture / Oral Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult Human (pregnant) Human Male Human Adult	A00499
Roots + Leaf Brazil	Used for rheumatism and diarrhea.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Root Ghana	Used for fever, possibly malaria.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T16158
Root India	Used for abortions up to the fifth month of pregnancy.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human(pregnant)	T04748
Root India	Used to procure abortion.	Not stated	Human (pregnant)	W00002
Root India	Used as an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human (pregnant)	W04510 W00384 A05825 A00115 A04179
Root India	Used as an abortifacient.	Decoction / Oral	Human (pregnant)	T14891
Root Mexico	Used as an aphrodisiac.	Not stated	Not Stated	A00136
Root Philippines	Used to produce abortions.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human (pregnant)	A04179
Root Venezuela	Used as an antimalarial.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A04179
Root West Africa	Used as an abortifacient, together with the fruits or seeds.	Not Stated / Oral	Human (pregnant)	A00115
Seed Africa	Used for roundworm.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Seed Brazil	Used as an anthelmintic.	Seeds / Oral	Human Adult	W00408
Seed India	Used as an anthelmintic.	Seeds / Oral	Human Adult	W00384
Seed India	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A14461
Seed India	Used as an anthelmintic.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	T05236

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Seed India	The seeds are boiled and the extremely bitter effusion is said to produce instantaneous vomiting.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	T02487
Seed India	Used for diabetes, hepatic disorders, pain relief in gout and rheumatism.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	M25712
Seed India	Used for diabetes.	Seeds / Oral	Human Adult	L15996
Shoots India	Used to treat pneumonia and leucorrhagia.	Shoots / Oral	Human Adult	K11282
Seed India	Used for diabetes, diabetes insipidus, and lithontriptics. Used to reduce fat.	Seeds / Oral	Human Adult	L04280
Seed Peru	Used for suppurations. Used for colic and as a vermifuge.	Hot H2O Ext / External Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	T15323
Seed Peru	Used for suppurative wounds. Seeds are crushed and made into a paste with pig butter.	Seed / External	Human Adult	ZZ1008
Seed West Indies	Used as an anthelmintic.	Seeds / Oral	Human Adult	T00701
Not Stated Bahamas	Used for colds, flu and fever.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Not Stated Brazil	Used to treat malaria.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	J14512
Not Stated Brazil	Used for abortion.	Not Stated / Oral	Human (pregnant)	L16798
Not Stated Colombia	Used for malaria.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Not Stated Congo-Brazzaville	Used for menstrual irregularities.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Female	A04171
Not Stated Cuba	Used for colitis, fever and hepatosis. Used as a litholytic.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Not Stated Guam	Used for malignant ulcers.	Not Stated / External	Human Adult	W00113
Not Stated Haiti	Used as an insecticide.	Not Sstated	Not Stated	T01287
Not Stated Honduras	Used as a depurative.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Not Stated India	Used for scabies, psoriasis and other skin diseases.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Not Stated Jamaica	Used for colds, constipation, dysmenorrhea, fever and stomachache.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049

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Not Stated Malaysia	Used as an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human (pregnant)	A03602
Not Stated Puerto Rico	Used as an antidiabetic.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	W00113
Not Stated Puerto Rico	Used for treatment of diabetes mellitus.	Hot H2O Ext / Oral	Human Adult	A01947
Not Stated Trinidad	Used for diabetes.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	J18701
Not Stated Venezuela	Used as a tonic for colds and fever.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Not Stated West Indies	Used as an abortifacient and monthly as a method of birth control.	Not Stated / Oral	Human Female	A03403

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