

Ethnomedical Information on Amor Seco (*Desmodium adscendens*)

Part / Location	Documented Ethnic Use	Type Extract / Route	Used For	Ref #
Leaf Africa	Used for central nervous system disorders.	Not stated	Human Adult	AF1005
Leaf Amazonia	Used to wash women's breasts when they lack milk.	Infusion External	Human Female	ZZ1005
Plant Amazonia	Used to treat backaches, muscle spasms and conditions arising from muscle spasms including headaches, pain and inflammation.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	AF1002
Leaf + Stem Belize	Used for backache.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	AF1002
Whole Plant Brazil	Used as an antispasmodic and for diarrhea, excessive urination and coughs.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1096
Plant Brazil	Used for ovarian inflammation.	Not stated	Human Female	AF1003
Leaf Brazil	Used for leucorrhea and blenorrhagia.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1013
Root Brazil	Used for malaria.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K07256
Leaf Gabon	Used as a cataplasm in case of fracture. Used for venereal disease.	Leaves External Decoction External	Human Adult Human Adult	K26849 K26849
Leaf Ghana	Used for asthma.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	M16812
Leaf Ghana	Used for bronchial asthma, constipation, dysentery and colic. Used for wound dressing. Used for anaphylactic contractions.	Decoction Oral Not stated H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	AF1001
Leaf + Stem Ghana	Used for treatment of asthma.	Leaves Oral	Human Adult	M06094
Leaf + Stem Ghana	Used for asthma.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	M20882
Plant Ghana	Used for asthma.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K08073
Plant Ghana	Used for asthma. Used with <i>Thonningia sanguinea</i> roots.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K13542
Plant Ghana	Used for asthma.	Not stated	Human Adult	AF1003
Leaf Guinea	Used as an anthelmintic and an oxytotic.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	K27039

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Plant Ivory Coast	Used as a galactagogue. Used as an aphrodisiac.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female Human Male	A01966
Leaf Nicaragua	Used as a digestive; for diarrhea and venereal disease.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K27070
Plant Peru	Used for nervousness. Used for vaginal infections. Believed to have magic powers and is given to the lover who has lost interest in his mate, to make him/her come back.	Infusion Oral Infusion Bath Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1045
Leaf Sierra Leone	Used for scabies. Leaves of <i>Microdesmis puberula</i> and <i>Desmodium adscendens</i> are used as a poultice with white clay. Used for asthma. Infusion of crushed leaves of <i>Desmodium adscendens</i> and <i>Corchorus olitorius</i> is taken, and patient is massaged with crushed leaves.	Leaves External Infusion Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	T09679
Leaf + Stem USA	Used for acute and chronic backache and muscle spasms.	Tincture Oral	Human Adult	AF1002
Entire Plant USA	Used for relief of backache, muscle pains, kidney ailments and impotency. Used for headaches and joint aches.	Decoction Oral Decoction External	Human Adult	AF1018
Leaf Not Stated	Used for consumption. Used for convulsions and venereal sores. Used with lime juice on wounds.	Decoction Oral Infusion Oral Maceration External	Human Adult	AF1019

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