

Ethnomedical Information on Gervao (*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*)

Plant Part / Location	Documented Ethnic Use	Type Extract / Route	Used For	Ref #
Aerial Parts Taiwan	Used for liver disease.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T14999
Entire Plant India	Used as an abortifacient.	Not Stated Oral	Human (pregnant)	A04132
Entire Plant India	Reputed to be abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human (pregnant)	A05524
Entire Plant Jamaica	Used for treatment of worms in children. Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Child Human Adult	W01270
Entire Plant West Indies	Used to prevent intestinal worms in children.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Child	L01534
Entire Plant West Indies	Tea prepared with <i>Annona muricata</i> leaves and <i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i> and used for worms. Beaten and boiled with <i>Ambrosia hispida</i> and used as a vermifuge.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T00701
Entire Plant Argentina	Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T05032
Leaf Bahamas	Used to induce an abortion. Leaves crushed in a cloth to obtain a juice to drink for nine mornings to expel worms. On the ninth morning castor oil is taken.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Juice Oral	Human (pregnant) Human Adult	T00897
Leaf India	Used for purulent ulcers. Used against dysentery. Used for fevers. Used for rheumatic inflammations.	Leaves External Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Not Stated	Human Adult	W00571
Leaf Malaysia	Used as an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human (pregnant)	A06590
Leaf Trinidad	Used as a lactagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult (female)	K03665
Leaf Trinidad	Used to increase milk supply of nursing mother.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	W01284
Leaf West Indies	Leaves boiled with <i>Dendropemon emarginatum</i> for after delivery.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human (pregnant)	T00701

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Leaf West Indies	Used as a lactagogue and as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult (female)	T00701
Juice West Indies	Used for worms. Used for dysmenorrhea.	Juice Oral Juice Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	T00701
Leaf Not Stated	Used for intestinal parasites and for rage.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	T13846
Not Stated Africa	Used for dysmenorrhea.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	A03324
Not Stated New Caledonia	Reputed to be an emmenagogue.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	A04174
Not Stated Papua-New Guinea	Used as an antifertility agent.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult (female)	A01948
Root Indonesia	Used as an abortive.	Not Stated Oral	Human (pregnant)	A04766
Root South America	Used as an anthelmintic. Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	W02290
Root West Indies	Used as an anthelmintic. Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	W02290
Root Taiwan	Used for liver disease.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T14999
Leaf + Entire Plant Brazil	Used as a stomach tonic, to stimulate the function of the gastrointestinal tract, for dyspepsia, for fevers and to promote perspiration as well as for chronic liver problems.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1007
Leaf Brazil	Used for hepatitis, as a diuretic for various urinary complaints and for constipation.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1013
Not Stated West Indies	Used as an anthelmintic and vermifuge to expel worms and other parasites.	Not Stated	Human Adult	AO1001
Stem + Leaf Peru	Used for diabetes.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	AO1002
Leaf Not Stated	Used as a cholagogue and purgative. Used for dysentery.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1033
Not Stated Venezuela	Used for tumors.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1050

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Not Stated Dominican Republic	Used as a panacea.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1050
Not Stated Trinidad	Used for collyrium and as a depurative in chest colds. Used for dysentery, fever, heart attacks, ophthalmia and worms.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1050
Leaf Brazil	Used for urinary problems, for debilitated organs, dyspepsia, gastritis, hemorrhoids, hepatitis and fever.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1072
Leaf + Root Brazil	Used for contusions, cuts and wounds.	Cataplasm External	Human Adult	ZZ1072
Root Brazil	Used for fevers.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1072
Leaf Brazil	Used as a sudorific, stimulant, febrifuge, diuretic, tonic, digestive, diaphoretic, anthelmintic, emetic, cathartic, emmenagogue, antihydrotic and antisiphilitic. Used to soothe chest pains and stomachache and to treat yellow fever and chronic hepatitis. Used to clean ulcers.	Infusion Oral Leaf External	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Leaf Brazil	Used to stimulate the digestive system - the stomach, liver, gallbladder and intestine. Used for wounds, cuts, contusions and affections of the skin such as eczema. Used for fever, colds, flu and bronchial catarrh.	Infusion Oral Paste External Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	ZZ1081
Root Brazil	Used to stimulate the digestive system - the stomach, liver, gallbladder and intestine.	ETOH Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1081
Leaf Amazonia	Used for fever.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1005
Entire Plant Amazonia	Used for asthma and stomach pain.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1005
Entire Plant Brazil	Used as a febrifuge and vermifuge.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1096
Leaf Brazil	Used as an antihemorroidal, antirheumatic, antacid, antidiarrheal, antiemetic and as a cholagogue, digestive, expectorant, hepatoprotector, sudorific and vermifuge. Used for coughs, to support the lungs, for hoarseness, bronchitis, hepatitis, gastrointestinal disturbances, amenorrhea, worms, fever, rheumatic pains, arthritis, amoebas, hemorrhoids, constipation, wounds, contusions, eczema and other skin problems.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1081 AO1003 AO1004

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Not Stated Cuba	Used as an emetic, purgative, diuretic, emmenagogue, anticatarrhal, antidiabetic, hypotensive, sedative, abortive and CNS depressant. Reputed to have hypothermic and spasmogenic activity.	Not Stated	Human Adult	AO1005
Leaf Cuba	Used to promote lactation.	Not Stated	Human Adult	AO1007

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