

Dr. Duke's Phytochemical and Ethnobotanical Database

Ethnobotanical Uses for *Momordica charantia*

Ethnobotanical Use	Country/Region	Reference
Abdomen	Malaya	
Abdomen	Elsewhere	
Abortifacient	Elsewhere	
Abortifacient	West Indies	
Abortifacient	Elsewhere	
Ache(Ear)	Elsewhere	
Ache(Head)	Malaya	
Ache(Head)	Elsewhere	
Ache(Stomach)	Malaya	
Antibiotic	Elsewhere	
Apertif	West Indies	
Aphrodisiac	China	Shih-chen, Li. 1973. Chinese medicinal herbs. Georgetown Press, San Francisco.
Aphrodisiac	Ghana	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Aphrodisiac	Yucatan	
Aphrodisiac	Mexico	Martinez, Maximino. 1969. Las Plantas Medicinales de Mexico.
Asthma	Malaya	
Asthma	Elsewhere	
Astringent	Elsewhere	

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Bilious	Elsewhere	
Bite(Snake)	India	
Bladder	Cuba	
Boil	Elsewhere	
Burn	Mexico	Martinez, Maximino. 1969. Las Plantas Medinales de Mexico.
Burn	Malaya	
Burn	Elsewhere	
Cancer	Nigeria	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Cancer(Breast)	Nigeria	Hartwell, J.L. 1967-71. Plants used against cancer. A survey. Lloydia 30-34.
Canicide	US	
Carminative	Elsewhere	
Catarrh	Elsewhere	
Chilblain	Elsewhere	
Cold	Panama	Gupta, M.P., et al. 1979. Ethnopharmacognostic observations on Panamanian medicinal plants. Part I. Quarterly journal of crude drug research 17(3-4):115-130.
Cold	US	Lewis and Elvin-Lewis, Medical Botany, ca 1977
Colic	Zaire	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Colic	Elsewhere	
Colic		Uphof, J.C. Th. 1968. Dictionary of economic plants. 2nd ed. Verlag von J. Cramer.
Colitis	Elsewhere	

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Cough	Elsewhere	
Depurative	Honduras	Standley, P.C. 1931. Flora of the Lancetilla Valley, Honduras. Pub. 283, Botanical Series, vol. X. Field Museum of Natl. History, Chicago.
Dermatosis	Malaya	
Dermatosis	Haiti	Liogier, Alain Henri. 1974. Diccionario Botanico de Nombres Vulgares de la Espanola. Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Urena, Santo Domingo.
Diabetes	Trinidad	Wong, W. 1976. Some folk medicinal plants from Trinidad. Economic Botany 30(2): 103-142.
Diabetes	Trinidad	
Diabetes	Cuba	
Diabetes	Portorico	
Diabetes Mellitis	India	
Diabetes Mellitis	Puerto Rico	
Diarrhea	Malaya	
Digestive	West Indies	
Dysentery	Trinidad	
Dysentery	Elsewhere	
Dysentery	Ghana	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Dysentery	Trinidad	Wong, W. 1976. Some folk medicinal plants from Trinidad. Economic Botany 30(2): 103-142.
Dysmenorrhea	Elsewhere	
Dyspepsia	Kurdistan	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.

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Eczema	India	
Emetic	Elsewhere	
Emmenagogue	Panama	Gupta, M.P., et al. 1979. Ethnopharmacognostic observations on Panamanian medicinal plants. Part I. Quarterly journal of crude drug research 17(3-4):115-130.
Eruption	Elsewhere	
Eye(Veterinary)	Elsewhere	
Fatality	US	
Fever	Elsewhere	
Fever	Ghana	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Fever	Panama(Choco)	
Fever	Trinidad	
Fever	Trinidad	Wong, W. 1976. Some folk medicinal plants from Trinidad. Economic Botany 30(2): 103-142.
Gonorrhoea	Ghana	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Gout	Elsewhere	
Gout	Elsewhere	
Halitosis	China	Shih-chen, Li. 1973. Chinese medicinal herbs. Georgetown Press, San Francisco.
Halitosis	Elsewhere	
Hepatitis	Elsewhere	
Hepatitis	Elsewhere	
Hyperglycemia	Elsewhere	

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Hyperglycemia	India	
Hypertension	Trinidad	
Hypertension	Trinidad	Wong, W. 1976. Some folk medicinal plants from Trinidad. <i>Economic Botany</i> 30(2): 103-142.
Insecticide	Panama	Gupta, M.P., et al. 1979. Ethnopharmacognostic observations on Panamanian medicinal plants. Part I. <i>Quarterly journal of crude drug research</i> 17(3-4):115-130.
Itch	Elsewhere	
Jaundice	Elsewhere	
Jaundice	Kurdistan	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.
Kidney	Elsewhere	
Lactagogue	Elsewhere	
Laxative	Africa	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Laxative	Haiti	Brutus, T.C., and A.V. Pierce-Noel. 1960. Les Plantes et les Legumes d'Hati qui Guerissent. Imprimerie De L'Etat, Port-Au-Prince, Haiti.
Leprosy	Iraq	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.
Leprosy	Elsewhere	
Leprosy	Elsewhere	
Leprosy	Iraq	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Leprosy	Samoa	
Leprosy	Elsewhere	

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Liver	Kurdistan	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.
Malaria	Venezuela	
Malaria	Haiti	Liogier, Alain Henri. 1974. Diccionario Botanico de Nombres Vulgares de la Espanola. Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Urena, Santo Domingo.
Malaria	Elsewhere	
Malaria	Trinidad	
Malaria	Elsewhere	
Malaria	Trinidad	Wong, W. 1976. Some folk medicinal plants from Trinidad. Economic Botany 30(2): 103-142.
Malignancy	Guam	Hartwell, J.L. 1967-71. Plants used against cancer. A survey. Lloydia 30-34.
Malignancy	Elsewhere	
Medicinel	Venezuela	Pittier, H. 1926. Manual de las Plantas Usuales de Venezuela. Litografia del Comercio, Caracas, Venezuela.
Melancholy	Turkey	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.
Night-Blindness	Elsewhere	
Parturition	Java	
Piles	Turkey	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.
Piles	Elsewhere	
Poison	Elsewhere	
Poison	Latin America	Lewis and Elvin-Lewis, Medical Botany, ca 1977

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Poison	Elsewhere	
Psoriasis	Elsewhere	
Purgative	Elsewhere	
Purgative	Elsewhere	
Purgative	Mexico	Martinez, Maximino. 1969. Las Plantas Medinales de Mexico.
Refrigerant	China	Shih-chen, Li. 1973. Chinese medicinal herbs. Georgetown Press, San Francisco.
Refrigerant	Kurdistan	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.
Refrigerant	Elsewhere	
Renitis	Haiti	Liogier, Alain Henri. 1974. Diccionario Botanico de Nombres Vulgares de la Espanola. Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Urena, Santo Domingo.
Rheumatism	Trinidad	
Rheumatism	Trinidad	Wong, W. 1976. Some folk medicinal plants from Trinidad. Economic Botany 30(2): 103-142.
Rheumatism	Elsewhere	
Rheumatism	Elsewhere	
Roundworms	Zaire	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Scabies	Mexico	Martinez, Maximino. 1969. Las Plantas Medinales de Mexico.
Scald	Malaya	
Skin	Elsewhere	
Skin	Haiti	Liogier, Alain Henri. 1974. Diccionario Botanico de Nombres Vulgares de la Espanola. Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Urena, Santo Domingo.

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Soap	Elsewhere	
Sore	Elsewhere	
Sore	Africa	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Sore	Samoa	
Sore	Mexico	Martinez, Maximino. 1969. Las Plantas Medinales de Mexico.
Spleen	Kurdistan	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.
Splenitis	Elsewhere	
Splenitis	Elsewhere	
Sprue	Malaya	
Stomachic	Elsewhere	
Stone	Elsewhere	
Styptic	Elsewhere	
Swelling	Africa	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Thrush	Elsewhere	
Tonic	Elsewhere	
Tumor	Brazil	Hartwell, J.L. 1967-71. Plants used against cancer. A survey. Lloydia 30-34.
Urethritis	Africa	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.
Urethritis	Elsewhere	
Vermifuge	Elsewhere	

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Vermifuge	Malaya	
Vermifuge	Kurdistan	Al-Rawi, Ali. 1964. Medicinal Plants of Iraq. Tech. Bull. No. 15. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate General of Agricultural Research Projects.
Vermifuge	Brazil	
Vermifuge	Elsewhere	
Vermifuge	Mexico	Martinez, Maximino. 1969. Las Plantas Medinales de Mexico.
Vermifuge	Trinidad	
Vermifuge	Trinidad	Wong, W. 1976. Some folk medicinal plants from Trinidad. Economic Botany 30(2): 103-142.
Vermifuge		Uphof, J.C. Th. 1968. Dictionary of economic plants. 2nd ed. Verlag von J. Cramer.
Wound	Elsewhere	
Yaws	Africa	Ayensu, Edward S. 1978. Medicinal plants of West Africa. Reference Publications, Inc.