

Ethnomedical Information on Matico (*Piper aduncum, angustifolium*)

Part / Location	Documented Ethnomedical Uses	Type Extract / Route	Used For	Ref #
Leaf / Brazil	Used as a stimulant and diuretic; for blenorragia, inflammation, cystitis, prolapsed uterus, diarrhea, dysentery, and pyelitis (pelvic inflammation). Used for chronic wounds.	Infusion / Oral Infusion / External	Human Adult	ZZ1013
Leaf / Brazil	Used as a diuretic, astringent, stomachic, and balsamic; for urinary problems and infections, cystitis, urethritis, blenorragia, diarrhea, digestive disorders, coughs, hematuria, bronchitis, leucorrhea, and liver pain. Used for skin ulcers, hemorrhoids, and wounds. Used in baths for prolapsed uterus.	Decoction / Oral Decoction / External Bath / External	Human Adult	ZZ1007
Leaf / Brazil	Used as an anti-inflammatory, tonic, carminative, stomachic, and antispasmodic; for blenorragia, digestive disorders, and liver problems. Taken as uterine tonic to prevent prolapse.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2005 ZZ1099
Leaf / Brazil	Used as a stomachic, resolvent, balsamic, astringent, hemostatic. Used for bad digestion, wound healing, treatment of sores, leucorrhea, and menorrhagia.	Decoction / Oral and External	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Root / Brazil	Used as a chologogue, and stimulant. Used for snake bite and erysipelas.	Not stated / Oral Not stated / External	Human Adult	ZZ2005 ZZ1099
Leaf Colombia	Used for pulmonary hemorrhages. Leaf powder inhaled to stop nose bleeding. Used as a diuretic; for leucorrhea, kidney stones, and stomachaches. Used for constipation and pneumonia.	Decoction / Oral Powder / Nasal Infusion / Oral Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Leaf / Colombia	Used as a stimulant and for headaches.	Tincture / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2007
Leaf / Guatemala	Used for gonorrhoea.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	K27236
Leaf / Guyana	Macerated leaves and stems used to heal sores.	Maceration / External	Human Adult	ZZ1104
Leaf / Haiti	Used for abdominal pain.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	T13846
Leaf / Honduras	Used for aches, pains, female disorders (menstrual pains, hemorrhage, and childbirth), and as a digestive aid. Used as a skin cleanser.	Decoction / Oral Decoction / External	Human Adult	L25561
Leaf / Jamaica	Used for stomachaches.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	J11219

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Leaf / New Guinea	Used for colds and diarrhea.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	J11219
Leaf / New Guinea	Used to heal wounds and as a topical antiseptic cleanser..	Infusion / External	Human Adult	J11219 H13492
Leaf / Panama	Decoction of 5-6 leaves in 1 liter of water used as vaginal douche against <i>Trichomonas</i> .	Decoction / Vaginal	Human Adult	T01287
Leaf / Panama	Used for uterine ulcers and stomach ailments.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	T01287
Leaf / Panama	Leaf juice used to heal wounds.	Juice / External	Human Adult	T01287
Leaf / Peru	Used for malaria, gonorrhoea, dysentery, bronchitis, and inflammation.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	L04137 ZZ1041 ZZ1027
Leaf / Peru	Leaves eaten as a "cure-all."	Leaves / Oral	Human Adult	L03868
Leaf / Peru	Karijona Indians and others use dried leaves sprinkled on wounds as a styptic and vulnerary.	Leaves / External	Human Adult	L04137 ZZ1005 ZZ2009 ZZ2007
Leaf / Peru	Used as an anti-inflammatory; for stomach disorders, colds, gastric ulcers, gastric cancer, kidney stones, urinary infections, and diarrhea. Used for gonorrhoea, leucorrhoea, and venereal diseases. Used as an astringent and cicatrizant for wounds, hemorrhoids, and ulcers. Used for tonsillitis and sore throats. Used topically on herpes ulcers. Used as a vaginal antiseptic.	Infusion / Oral Decoction / External Decoction / External Decoction / Gargle Juice / External Decoction / Douche	Human Adult	ZZ1101
Leaf / Peru	Used for urinary infections, colds, diarrhea, and bronchitis. Used for skin ulcers and herpes ulcers. Used for wounds and as a vaginal antiseptic.	Infusion / Oral Fresh / External Decoction / External	Human Adult	ZZ1008
Leaf / Peru	Used as a stomachic and purgative.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2010
Leaf / Peru	Used for stomachaches, gonorrhoea, and other venereal diseases.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1105
Leaf / Peru	Taken as a tonic and for stomach pain. Used for neuralgia and rheumatic pain.	Infusion / Oral Bath / External	Human Adult	ZZ2007

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Leaf / Peru	Used in ritual baths for enteritis and stomachaches.	Bath / External	Human Adult	L04137 ZZ1045
Leaf / Peru	Used as an antiseptic wound healer.	Infusion / External	Human Adult	L04137 ZZ1041 ZZ1027
Leaf / Peru	Used for malaria.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2016
Leaf / Peru	Used as a hemostat and disinfectant; for wounds and conjunctivitis.	Decoction / External	Human Adult	ZZ2009
Leaf / Peru	Used as an expectorant, antidysenteric, astringent, antihemorrhagic, anti-inflammatory, diuretic, carminative, and antiseptic; for stomachaches, tonsillitis, stomach ulcers, internal hemorrhages, and urinary infections.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2013
Leaf / Peru	Used for gonorrhea, leucorrhea, digestive cancers, tonsillitis, kidney stones, bronchitis, cystitis, uterine fibroids, constipation, and blenorrhagia.	Decoction / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2013
Leaf / Peru	Used for wounds, hemorrhoids, and cutaneous ulcers. Used as an antiseptic vaginal douche for vaginitis. Powdered leaves used as a antiseptic, hemostat and vulnerary. Leaf juice used topically on herpes ulcers.	Decoction / External Decoction / External Leaves / External Juice / External	Human Adult	ZZ2013
Leaf / Peru	Leaf juice taken for throat pain and inflammation. Used for kidney pain and postpartum hemorrhages.	Juice / Oral Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2009
Leaf / Peru	Shipibo-Conibo consider it sedative, nervine, anti-inflammatory, depurative, diuretic, and carminative; used for inflammation, diarrhea, gastritis, vomiting, fever, menstrual colic, postpartum tonic, and infections. Used for wounds, skin ulcers, abscesses, and boils.	Infusion / Oral Poultice / External	Human Adult	ZZ2003
Leaf / Peru	Used as an astringent, vulnerary and styptic; for wounds and cutaneous eruptions.	Infusion / External	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Leaf / Peru	Used for cholera, kidney stones, uterine disorders, and kidney problems.	Decoction / Internal	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Root / Peru	Used for rheumatism.	Tincture / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2013
Leaves / Puerto Rico	Used as a tonic; for diarrhea, dysentery, vomiting, ulcers, and to control bleeding.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	PA1012
Leaf / USA	Used as an astringent for topical applications. Used for diarrhea.	Infusion / External Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	W03968

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Leaf / USA	Used for leucorrhea, gonorrhea, hemorrhoids, blenorragia, and dyspepsia. Used for ulcers and to stop wounds from bleeding.	Infusion / Oral Infusion / External	Human Adult	ZZ2019
Leaf / USA	Considered, soothing, diffusive, stimulating and astringent; used for pulmonary hemorrhages, postpartum hemorrhages, diarrhea, dysentery, cholera, and as a birthing aid.	Infusion / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2020
Leaf / USA	Used as an aromatic, stimulant and urinary tonic; for chronic mucous discharges (leucorrhea, gleet, catarrh, etc.) and hemorrhages. Used topically on cuts, wounds, and indolent ulcers.	Fluid extract / Oral Fluid extract / External	Human Adult	ZZ2021
Leaf / USA	Used as a styptic and astringent for wounds.	Infusion / External	Human Adult	ZZ2022
Leaf / USA	Used as an aromatic, bitter stimulant or catarrhal states of the stomach and genito-urinary tract.	Tincture / Oral	Human Adult	ZZ2023
Plant / Dominican Republic	Used as a stimulant, stomachic, diuretic, and astringent.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1022
Plant / Haiti	Used as an aphrodisiac and hemostat; for leucorrhea, rheumatism, blenorragia, skin problems, sores, dropsy, and liver problems.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1022
Plant / Latin America	Used as an astringent, antiseptic, styptic, vulnerary, diuretic, and stimulant; for urinary problems.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1022 ZZ1106
Plant / Mexico	Used as an astringent, balsamic, diuretic, styptic, and stimulant; for venereal diseases.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1022 ZZ1106
Plant / Panama	Used for bronchitis, cancer, decubitus ulcers, uterine fibroids, pleurisy, pneumonia, respiratory problems, stomach problems, trichomoniasis, ulcers, uterine disorders, vaginitis and wounds.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1106 ZZ1022

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