## Ethnomedical Information on Abuta (Cissampelos pareira)

Plant Part / Location	Documented Traditional Ethnomedical Use	Type Extract / Route	Used For	Ref #
Leaf + Root East Africa	Used for stomach pains. Roots and leaves are chewed. Used for pains during pregnancy. Roots and leaves are chewed. Used to treat wounds.	Leaf + Root Oral Leaf + Root Oral Ash External	Human Adult HumanFemale Human Adult	T10078
Leaf East Africa	Used after birth to facilitate expulsion of placenta.	H2O Ext Oral	Cow(pregnant)	K04594
Root East Africa	Used as a sexual stimulant. Used for hematuria. Used for pimples. Used for neuralgia. Used for hookworm. Used for snakebite. Root scrapings are eaten, and applied to bite. Used for sore throats. Root powder is soaked in water. Used as a sexual stimulant, for rheumatic pains and abdominal pains. Used for colds and coughs. Root powder is soaked in water. Used for headache and blenorrhagia. Used as a tonic. Used to treat habitual abortion; in combination with Sida rhombifolia.	Not Stated Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Decoction External Ash External Decoction Oral Root Oral H2O Ext Oral H2O Ext Oral H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Decoction Oral	Human Male Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human (pregnant)	A03479 T10078 T10078 T10078 T10078 T10078 T10078 T10078 T10078 T10078 T10078 T10078
Leaf West Africa	Used for guinea worm.	Hot H2O Ext External	Human Adult	M23617
Aerial Parts Amazonia	Used to stop uterine hemorrhages. Used to prevent threatened miscarriage.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female Human(pregnant)	L02535
Root Amazonia	Used for fevers and during childbirth for when too much blood is lost and the stomach hurts. Used for snakebite and as a muscle relaxant. Used for nervous children, for colic and to make a child strong.	Infusion Oral Infusion Oral	Human Adult Human Child	ZZ1005
Root Amazonia	Used for post-menstrual hemorrhages. Used for rheumatism.	Decoction Oral ETOH Ext Oral	Human Female Human Adult	L04137

Stem + Root Amazonia	Used to treat sterile women.	Decoction Oral	Human Female	L04137
Bark + Stem Amazonia	Used as a dental analgesic.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	L04137
Vine Amazonia	Used as a diuretic, expectorant, emmenagogue and febrifuge. Used to relieve symptoms associated with menstruation; to balance female hormones; to prevent threatened abortion, relieve menorrhagia and arrest uterine hemorrhages, for relief of inflammation of the testicles and for minor kidney problems.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1015
Not Stated Amazonia	Used to treat 'pinto,' a disease that causes purplish patches to appear on the face and arms.	Not Stated External	Human Adult	ZZ1005
Leaf Argentina	Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	T03717
Root Argentina	Used for diarrhea, to treat respiratory tract and urinary tract infections. Used as an emmenagogue.	Decoction Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Female	K17523 T15375
Not Stated Argentina	Used as an emmenagogue.	Not Stated Oral	Human Female	A03467
Root Bolivia	Used as a diuretic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	W01206
Leaf Brazil	Used for affections of the digestive system, as a diuretic and a febrifuge.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1092
Root Brazil	Used to stop uterine hemorrhages. Used to prevent threatened miscarriage. Used as an emmenagogue. Used as a tonic, diuretic and febrifuge. Used for treating renal stones. Used for inflammations and contusions.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Decoction Oral Cataplasm External	Human Female Human(pregnant) Human Female Human Adult Human Adult	L02535 L02535 T15375 ZZ1005 ZZ1005
Root Brazil	Used for women's affections. Used as an antispasmodic and analgesic for treating cramps, painful menstruation and pre and post-natal pain. Used to prevent a threatened miscarriage and uterine hemorrhages. Aids poor digestion, drowsiness after meals and constipation.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1070

Root Brazil	Used as a tonic and as an aphrodisiac. Used for affections of the urinary system, as a diuretic and sudorific. Used for dyspepsia, asthma and for fevers. Used as a tonic, diuretic, febrifuge and emmenagogue. Used for dysentery, dysmenorrhea, cystitis and liver ailments.	Infusion Oral Decoction Oral Decoction Oral Decoction Oral Various Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	ZZ1092 ZZ1096 ZZ1096 ZZ1099 ZZ1099
Root Brazil	Used as a tonic, diuretic and aperient. Acts as an antiseptic to the bladder. Used for chronic inflammation of the urinary tract, renal calculi, leucorrhea, rheumatism, jaundice, dropsy, gonorrhea and snake bite.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1052
Root Brazil	Used as a tonic, stomachic, emmenagogue and diuretic. Used for dyspepsia, hepatitis, problems of the bladder, hydropsy, catarrh, flatulent colic, snakebites, anemia, renal calculi, intermittent fever, uterine colic, difficult menstruation and suppression of menstruation, inflammation of the testicles, for the gallbladder and for muscle fibers. Used as an abortive.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1079
Root Brazil	Used as a tonic, febrifuge, sudorific, stomachic, antiasthmatic, diuretic, antilithic, cholagogue, digestive and emmenagogue. Used for dyspepsia, urinary affections, renal calculi, disturbances in menstruation, affections of the liver and gallbladder, hydropsy, fever, rheumatism and asthma.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1072
Root Brazil	Used as a diuretic, febrifuge, emmenagogue and cholagogue. Used for hydropsy, affections of the renal and urinary systems. Used for affections of the liver. Acts as a decongestant.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1007
Not Stated Brazil	Used as an emmenagogue.	Not Stated	Human Female	J01423
Leaf + Root China	Used as a narcotic.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	T09391
Aerial Parts Colombia	Used as an emmenagogue at a dosage of 1-2 gm per day.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	A00710
Entire Plant Colombia	Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	T15375
Root Colombia	Used as an emmenagogue at a dosage of 1-2 gm per day.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	A00710

Not Stated Colombia	Used as an arrow poison (curare). A principle component of curare.	External External	Animals & Humans	K27338 ZZ1031
Leaf Ecuador	Used for infected eyes.	Decoction External	Human Adult	ZZ1005
Not Stated Ecuador	Used as an arrow poison.	External	Animals & Humans	ZZ1031
Root Guatemala	Used as an emmenagogue. Used as a diuretic, febrifuge, sudorific and as an antirheumatic. Used for cramps.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Not Stated Oral	Human Female Human Adult Human Adult	T15295 T15295 W01280
Essential Oil Guatemala	Used to bathe new-born children for painful navel.	Decoction External	Human Child	K28434
Leaf Guyane	Used as an analgesic.	Poultice External	Human Adult	ZZ1033
Entire Plant Guinea-Bissau	Used as an abortive in high doses; used to facilitate childbirth. Considered to be an emmenagogue.	H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant) Human Female	A00455
Entire Plant Haiti	Used as a diuretic. Used against fever.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	T04647
Aerial Parts India	Used for temporary control of conception.	Aerial Parts Oral	Human Female	T06787
Entire Plant India	Used for snakebite. Plant is made into a paste and applied to bite, juice is dropped into the nostrils, ears, and naval cavity.	Plant External	Human Adult	T09390
Plant Juice India	Used to treat minor accidents. Juice is mixed with jaggery and egg. Used for snakebite.	Plant Juice Oral Juice External	Human Adult Human Adult	T08282 T09390
Flowers India	Used to remove redness of the eyes.	Leaf Juice Ophthalmic	Human Adult	K23156
Leaf India	Used for cuts and wounds. Applied to the forehead for cold and fever. Used as an antidote for snake bite. Used for malarial fever. Used for coughs and colds. Used to treat pimples, boils, burns and wounds. Used as a contraceptive.	Leaves External Leaves External Powder External Leaves External Hot H2O Ext Oral Leaves External Leaves Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Female	K26667 K26667 K26968 K27075 T10064 M23372 T06787

Leaf Juice India	Used for sores and abdominal pain. Used to treat eye ailments.	Juice External Juice External	Human Adult Human Adult	M22542 M23372
Leaf + Root India	A paste is used to treat toothache.	Leaf + Root Oral	Human Adult	L02963
Root India	Used as an emmenagogue. Claimed to be used as an antifertility agent. Used as an emmenagogue. Used for fevers. Given 3 times a day for 3 days. Used for stomachache. About 5 g twice a day. Used to treat common fevers. Root bits are worn around the neck. Used as an antivenin. Used to treat fever that comes after child birth. Used to treat typhoid fever. Used to treat stomachache. Used for malarial fever. Used for malaria fever. Used for malaria fever. Used to prevent abortion. A root paste is used to cure wounds. Used to remove intestinal worms. Used as an emmenagogue and as a diuretic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Not Stated Oral H2O Ext Oral Powder Oral Root External Various Oral Root Oral Decoction Oral Root Oral Root Oral Root Oral Decoction Oral Root Oral Decoction Oral Root Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female Human Female Human Female Human Adult Human Adult	A00449 A00468 A04132 K23156 K23294 K25892 K26099 K26734 K26734 K26725 K27454 M27166 T00583 W00798 W01315
Root India	Used for heart troubles, for fevers, dysentery and asthma. Used to remove intestinal worms. Used for stomachache. Used for sprains. Used as an anthelmintic in infants and for dysentery. Used for stomachache. Used for colic. Root paste is taken internally.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Root Oral Root External Root Oral Not Stated Oral Root Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Child Human Adult Human Adult	W00756 W00803 K25403 K25403 T09390 T09390 T08191
Rootbark India	Used as a diuretic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	W01144
Not Stated India	Used as an oral contraceptive.	Decoction Oral	Human Female	T16085
Entire Plant Ivory Coast	Used as an emmenagogue. Fresh pulp mixed with clay to facilitate delivery. Strong dose of fresh pulp mixed with clay can cause abortion. Used as an emmenagogue. Fresh pulp mixed with kaolin to facilitate delivery. Strong dose of fresh pulp mixed with kaolin can cause abortion.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Plant Vaginal Plant Vaginal Hot H2O Ext Oral Plant Vaginal Plant Vaginal	Human Female Human(pregnant) Human(pregnant) Human Female Human(pregnant) Human(pregnant)	A04941

Leaf Pulp Ivory Coast	Used as an abortive.	Plant Oral	Human(pregnant)	W00113
Not Stated Ivory Coast	Used as an emmenagogue and as a female diuretic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	W00113
Root Madagascar	Used as an emmenagogue. Used as a febrifuge and diuretic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female Human Adult	W00663
Not Stated Malawi	Used to promote good fetal growth and for an easy labor.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant)	T09487
Leaf Mexico	Used to treat muscle inflammation. Used to treat snake bites. Used to treat dermatitis. Crushed leaves used over affected area.	Leaves External Decoction Oral Leaf Juice External	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	K16948
Leaf + Root + Stem Mexico	Used for rheumatism. Used for snakebite.	Infusion Oral Infusion External	Human Adult Human Adult	L15716
Root Mexico	Used as an emmenagogue. Used to treat dysentery. Used to treat diarrhea and dysentery. Said to have emmenagogic properties. Used for pimples and insect bites. Crushed root is rubbed on area.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Infusion Oral Decoction Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Root External	Human Female Human Adult Human Adult Human Female Human Adult	A00115 K27077 K19153 W02855 T08016
Root Mozambique	Used to relieve menorrhagia. Used as an antiabortive.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female Human(pregnant)	L01568
Leaf Nepal	Used to treat boils and carbuncles.	Leaves External	Human Adult	K27040
Plant Juice Nepal	Used for indigestion and fever. Used to induce abortion.	Plant Juice Oral Juice Oral	Human Adult Human(pregnant)	K26239 K28451
Root Juice Nepal	Used to treat burning sensation while urinating. Used to treat swelling of gums.	Root Juice Oral Root External	Human Adult Human Adult	K25347 K25347
Leaf Nicaragua	Used for bites, stings and skin rashes. Used for fever and venereal disease.	Decoction External Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	K27070 K27070
Leaf + Root Nicaragua	Used for bites and stings, for skin rashes and sores. Used for fever and for venereal disease.	Decoction External Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	L16047 L16047

Root Nigeria	Used as a muscle relaxant, sedative, antirheumatic, antipyretic and analgesic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T06510
Root Nigeria	Used for menorrhagia. Used as an emmenagogue.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	A04306
	Used as an abortifacient.	H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant)	=
Root Paraguay	Said to be abortive.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant)	A03500
	Used as an abortive.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant)	L02292
	Used as an abortive.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant)	T15375
Not Stated Paraguay	Used as an abortifacient. Used as an emmenagogue. Used as an abortifacient.	Not Stated Not Stated Oral Not Stated Oral	Human(pregnant) Human Female Human(pregnant)	J01423 J01423 W02705
Leaf Peru	Used for wounds.	Cataplasm External	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Leaf + Bark + Root Peru	Used as an aphrodisiac.	Tincture Oral	Human Adult	L04137
Root Peru	Used for anemia.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1005
	Used as a febrifuge, expectorant, tonic and diuretic.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1093
	Used as a cardiotonic and antianemic.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1043
Seed Peru	Used to treat snakebite. Used as a diuretic. Used as a fish poison. Used for snakebite, as a diuretic, expectorant, febrifuge, piscicide, poison and for venereal disease.	Not Stated Not Stated Oral Seeds Not Stated Not Stated	Human Adult Human Adult Fish Human Adult	L04137 L04137 L04137 ZZ1041
Entire Plant	Used for diarrhea, enteralgia and blennorrhagia.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	M21947
Senegal	Used for stomachache and diarrhea.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	M24038
Leaf Senegal	Used for conjunctivitis, syphilis, whooping cough and as an antiseptic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	M21947
	Used for conjunctivitis.	Leaves External	Human Adult	M24038
Root Tanganyika	Used as a male sexual stimulant.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Male	A05825
	Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	A05825
Leaf Tanzania	Used against diarrhea.	Decoction Oral	Human Child	T10078
	Used as an antimalarial.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K25370

Root Tanzania	Used to treat malaria. Used to treat malaria.	Decoction Oral Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	K25370 K15971
	Used for malaria.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	K23957
	Used as a CNS stimulant and for fainting. Used as an antipyretic.	Root Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	R00001 W3022A
Root Thailand	Used as a cardiotonic.	Root Oral	Human Adult	R00001
Root USA	Used as a laxative, diuretic and for irritation of urinary tract.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	W03968
Vine USA	Used to relieve symptoms associated with menstruation; to balance female hormones; for relief of inflammation of the testicles and for minor kidney problems.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1067
Leaf Pulp Upper Volta	Used as an abortive.	Plant Oral	Human(pregnant)	W00113
Root West Indies	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T00701
Shoots West Indies	Tea of shoots used as a diuretic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T00701
Root Various	Used as a diuretic, expectorant and febrifuge. Used to prevent threatened abortion, to relieve menorrhagia, to arrest uterine hemorrhage and as an emmenagogue.	Not Stated	Human Adult Human Female	AP1001
Vine Various	Used as an antimalarial.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1050

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