Ethnomedical Information on Amargo(Quassia amara)

Plant Part / Location	Documented Ethnomedical Use	Type Extract / Route	Used For	Ref #
Wood Brazil	Bitter properties. Used for flatulence, diarrhea, anemia, dyspepsia, fever and gallbladder ailments.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Wood Brazil	Used as an insecticide, aperitive, stomachic and tonic for a lack of appetite, dyspepsia, diarrhea, liver congestion and colic, anemia, debility and to increase digestive and saliva secretions.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1007
Wood Brazil	Used as a eupeptic and diuretic for blenorrhagia.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1079
Bark Brazil	Used for diarrhea, dysentery, dyspepsia, stomach weakness, intestinal gas and blenorrhagia.	Not stated Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1013
Leaf Brazil	Used for measles. Used to wash the mouth after a tooth extraction.	Infusion External Infusion Mouth Wash	Human Child Human Adult	ZZ1024
Leaf Brazil	Used for malaria. Used to combat malaria and to rinse the mouth after tooth extraction.	Infusion Oral Infusion External	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Entire Plant Brazil	Used as an insecticide.	H2O Ext	Garden	ZZ1099
Wood Brazil	Used for diarrhea, dysentery, dyspepsia, flatulence and gonorrhea.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Bark Costa Rica	Used as an enema to expel worms.	Hot H2O Ext Rectal	Human Adult	T01287
Root Costa Rica	Used for diabetes, diarrhea and fever.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Wood Germany	Used as a homeopathic for liver and gallbladder complaints; for its bitter properties. May have a choleretic effect.	Homeopathic Oral	Human Adult	AC1002
Leaf + Root Guatemala	Used for constipation, nervousness, diabetes and high blood pressure.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K26154
Not Stated Guyana	Used as a tonic.	ETOH Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Wood Jamaica	Used for epithelioma and fever and as a bitter and aperitive.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Wood Mexico	Used for liver disease.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T13488
Wood Mexico	Used for gall bladder diseases.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T13488

Wood Mexico	Used for intestinal parasites.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T13488
Bark Mexico	Used for intestinal parasites.	Infusion Enema	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Stem Nicaragua	Used for bites and stings.	Decoction External	Human Adult	K27070
Stem Nicaragua	Used as an astringent and tonic; used to treat malaria, worms, intestinal parasites, and anemia	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K27070
Stemwood Nigeria	Used as a stomachic, antiamebic and antibiotic. Used to treat malaria.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	K20214
Bark Panama	Used to treat liver disorders, fevers, snakebite and as a hypoglycemic agent.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	T01287
Not Stated Panama	Used for fever, hepatosis and snakebite.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Bark Peru	Used as a stomachic, anthelmintic, digestive, depurgative, vermifuge and febrifuge; used for scrofula and hydropsy and to expel calculi in the gallbladder and kidney. Not recommended during menstruation as it may produce colic.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Wood Peru	Used as an insecticide and tonic for fever and hepatitis.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1041
Wood South America	Used as a bitter and digestive to stimulate the appetite. Used as an anthelmintic and insecticide.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	AC1001
Wood South America	Used as an anthelmintic, tonic bitter, orexigenic and insecticide. Used to increase the flow of gastric juice and saliva, for a lack of appetite, indigestion, cirrhosis (temporary relief of symptoms) and worms. Said to have antileukemic properties.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1011
Wood South America	Used to eliminate nematodes. Used for scabies, fleas and other parasites.	Infusion Enema H2O Ext External	Human Adult	ZZ1011
Wood South America	Used as a bitter and to treat fevers. Used as an anthelmintic.	Not stated Not stated Enema	Human Adult	ZZ1068
Bark South America	Used as a febrifuge and insecticide. Said to be an aperitif, depurative, insecticidal, laxative, pediculicide, stomachic, tonic and vermifuge. Used for carcinoma, debility, dyspepsia, fever, hepatosis, hyperglycemia, malaria, snakebite and spasms.	Various Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049
Bark Suriname	Used to prevent fever.	ETOH Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1049

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Used for fever and parasites. A potent aphidicide.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1039
Used as a bitter and aperitive.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1048
Used as an antipyretic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	W03804
Used as a bitter tonic, stomachic, vermicide, antispasmodic and for its slight narcotic properties. Used for convalescence, debility, fever, atonic dyspepsia, to increase appetite and prevent the formation of acid substances during digestion.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1052
Used for ascarides.	Decoction or Enema	Human Adult	ZZ1052
Used with sulphuric acid to cure drunkenness, by destroying the appetite for alcohol.	Not stated Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1052
Used as a bitter tonic, sialagogue and anthelmintic for dyspeptic conditions due to a lack of tone, to stimulate the production of saliva and digestive juices and increase the appetite. Used for anorexia nervosa and digestive sluggishness.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1056
Used for lice infestations. Used to expel threadworms.	H2O Ext External Infusion Oral and H2O Ext Enema	Human Adult	ZZ1056
Used to stimulate the secretion of gastric juices, to increase appetite and aid digestion. May have a choleretic effect. Homeopathically it is used for gallbladder complaints, as a bitter tonic, purgative and anthelmintic (for ascarid and threadworms).	Not stated Homeopathic Oral	Human Adult	AC1003
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