

Plant Species

Accepted Name: *Rauvolfia serpentina* (L.) BENTH. EX KURZ

Family: APOCYNACEAE

Synonyms:

- *Ophioxylon serpentinum* L.

Used in: Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Folk, Homeopathy, Sowa Rigpa, Chinese, Modern

Habit: Un-shrub

Threat: EN/R

Distribution: Globally the species is distributed in the Indo-Malesian region and Sri Lanka. Within India it is distributed in the sub-Himalayan tracts from Himachal Pradesh to Arunachal Pradesh. It is also recorded in the hills of Western and Eastern Ghats as well as Eastern and Central India. This species is globally distributed in Indo-Maleisa. Within India, it is found almost throughout.



Common Uses

The root of Sarpagandha is used in the form of powder to treat mental diseases, poisoning and visuchika. Mental disorders Sarpagandha is indicated in mental disorders (SS.U.60.47). Powder of the root is given with hot water in 3-5 gms. Poisoning Sarpagandha is particularly efficacious in rat-poisoning (SS.ka.7.29). paste of the root is applied externally. Heart ailments Powder of the root of Sarpagandha should be taken with warm water in case of palpitation of heart, blood pressure.(2-5 gms) (LHT)

Herbarium



Geographical Distribution Map



Conservation Concern Details

State	Threat States ^{With Assessment year}	Trade
Andhra Pradesh	CR ²⁰⁰¹	High
Arunachal Pradesh	CR ²⁰⁰³	High
Assam	VU ²⁰⁰³	High

Chhatisgarh	CR ²⁰⁰³	High
Himachal Pradesh	CR ²⁰⁰³	High
Jammu and Kashmir	VU ²⁰⁰³	High
Karnataka	EN ¹⁹⁹⁵	High
Kerala	EN ¹⁹⁹⁵	High
Madhya Pradesh	VU ²⁰⁰³	High
Maharashtra	CR ²⁰⁰¹	High
Meghalaya	VU ²⁰⁰³	High
Nagaland	DD ²⁰¹⁵	Not Traded
Odisha	EN ²⁰⁰⁷	High
Tamil Nadu	EN ¹⁹⁹⁵	High
Tripura	VU ²⁰¹⁶	High
Uttarakhand	VU ²⁰⁰³	High
West Bengal	EN ²⁰⁰⁷	Normal

Languages (No. of Names) :	Vernacular Names
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- Hindi (10) :** candrabhaga, chandra-bhaga amelpodi, chhotachand, chota cand, chota-chand, harkaichanda, nai, nakulikanda, sarap-gandha, sarpagandha
- Kannada (21) :** amael podi, amelpodi, candraka, candrike, chandrika, chandrike, garuda, garuda paathaala, garudapatala, garudapathala, haavukannina gida, hadiki, patalagaruda, sarpagandha, sarpagandhi, shiva naabhi, shivanabhi, sivanabhi, soothra naabhi, sutranabhi, sutranabi
- Malayalam (11) :** amalpori, chivan avelpori, chuvannavilpuri, cuvanna amalpori, cuvannavilpuri, talunni, tsjovanna-amelpodi, tsjovannaamelpodi, tulunni, vanduvazha, vantuvala
- Marathi (6) :** adakayi, hadaki, harkaya, harki, mungusavel, sapasanda
- Sanskrit (45) :** ahibhuka, ahilata, ahimardani, bhadra, bhujangakshi, candramarah, candrika, chandrasura, chandrika, charmahantri, chundrika, dhavalavitapa, gandhanakuli, ishwari, karavi, mahaahigandha, mahasugandha, mukta, nagagandha, nagasugandha, nakuladhya, nakuleshta, nakuli, nakuli-dvaya, nandani, pashumahanakarika, patalaganda, phanihantri, raktapatrika, rasna, sarpagandha, sarpagandhakhya, sarpakshi, sarpangi, sarpasugandha, sugandha, surasa, surpadini, suvaha, vasara, vasupushpa, vishamardani, vishamardanika, vishanashini, vyalangandha
- Tamil (25) :** cantiracurai, cantirikai1, carpakanta, carpakanti, carppakantam, carppakkantam, chivan melpodi, chivan-sarpagandhi, chivanamelpodi, civan mel poti, civanapivalli, covannamilpodi, covannamilpori, covannamilpori#, covannamilpori@, cuttiranapi, cuttiranavi, cuvanamilpoti, pampukala, sarpagaanthi, sarppaganti, sivan amalpori, sovannamilbori, chivan amelpodi, tsjovanna amelpodi

Telugu (12) : dumparaasna, dumparasna, paathaalagandhi, paathaalagaruda, patala gani, patala garidi, patalagandhi, patalagaruda, patalgaani, patalganni, sarpa gandhi, sarpagandhi

Tibetan (1) : na gu la

Urdu (3) : asarol saida, asrol, chota chand

Parts Used (No. of Names) :	Trade Name
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DRY ROOTS (1) : SARPAGANDHI

Not recorded (3) : PAGAL BUTI, SARPAGANDHA, SARPGANDHA

POWDER (1) : SARPGANDHA

ROOT (5) : PAGAL-BOOTI, SARPAGANDHA THICK, SARPAGANDHI, SARPGANDHA, SARPPAGANDHI

ROOTS (2) : SARPAGANDHA, SARPGANDHA



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