

Celastrus paniculatus (Pingu)



Botanical Name	<i>Celastrus paniculatus</i> Willd. (CELASTRACEAE)
Vernacular Name	Pingu, Naibahada, ping
Description	Climbing Shrub: Branches- slender, lenticellate. Leaves - alternate, obovate, serrulate, petioled. Flower - minute, greenish-yellow or axillary paniced cymes. Fruits - a capsule. Seeds - red arilled.
Regional Distribution	Occasionally found in dry deciduous forest: Kharial, Harishankar, Bandhamunda, Khandadhar, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Dhenkanal, Phulbani and Ganjam.
Global Distribution	Australia
Elevation Range (m)	500 - 700 m
Part Used	Seed, Fruit
Action & Uses	Aphrodisiac, blood purifier, carminative, digestive, expectorant, laxative, memory enhancement.

Folk Use	Body-ache, epilepsy, headache, joint pain, post-natal care, skin diseases.
Threats	Tp.
INCU Threat Status (Odisha)	A2cd, VU
Status in Other State	VU: KL, CHTGH, MP, NT: KA, TN, APS LC: MH