

Scindapsus officinalis (*Gaja Pippali*)



Botanical Name	<i>Scindapsus officinalis</i> (Roxb.) (ARACEAE)
Vernacular Name	Gajapippali, Girudhuni, Pnchamula
Description	Large Climbing Shrub: Leaves - alternate, broadly elliptic, base subcordat, petiol wnged. Flower – small on a cylindric spadix, densel packed with ovaries. Fl: June – July, Fr: January- February
Regional Distribution	Ganjam, Koraput, Malyagiri, Puri, Jajpur, Keonjhar, Nayagarh, Baragarh, Phulbani, Cuttack, Mayurbhanj.
Global Distribution	Indochinese Region
Elevation Range (m)	<900 m
Part Used	Dried mature Inflorescence
Action & Uses	Aphrodisiac, Anthelmintic, carminative, diaphoretic, expectorant. Useful in treating diarrhea, cough, and bronchitis.

Folk Use	General tonic for cattle, throat infection
Threats	Hm, L, Lf.
INCU Threat Status (Odisha)	A2cd, VU
Status in Other State	Not assessed