

Operculina turpethum (Tihudi)



Botanical Name	<i>Operculina turpethum</i> (L.) (CONVOLVULACEAE)
Vernacular Name	Tihudi
Description	The leaves are simple and alternate, stalked, petiole 1 to 7 cm long, sometimes winged. The flowers are bisexual, regular, 5-merous: sepals are unequal, broadly ovate to elliptic, the outer are about 15 mm long and 10 mm wide. The fruit is a characteristic globular capsule, very depressed, about 1 to 1.5 cm in diameter, briefly apiculate, surrounded by accrescent sepals up to 20 mm, usually containing 3-4 black and smooth seeds.
Regional Distribution	Throughout Odisha.
Global Distribution	India, Indo-China and Malesian region to north east Australia.
Elevation Range (m)	< 1000 m
Part Used	Stem, Root
Action & Uses	Gastro-intestinal disorder, Anti-hepatotoxic, Anti-ulcer and Anti-diabetic.
Folk Use	Hyperacidity, Constipation
Threats	Hm, Hp, L, Tp.
INCU Threat Status (Odisha)	A2cd VU
Status in Other State	Vulnerable (VU)