

## *Piper longum* (Pippali)



<b>Botanical Name</b>	<i>Piper longum</i> L. (PIPERACEAE)
<b>Vernacular Name</b>	Pippali, Pipplamula
<b>Description</b>	<b>Creeping herb:</b> branches with swollen nodes. Leaves - ovate to elliptic-oblong, base deeply cordate, petioled, flowers minute in spikes, female spikes in flower and 3cm. Fruit- small globose, one seeded.  Fl & Fr: July - January
<b>Regional Distribution</b>	Keonjhar, Raygada, Phulbani, Khorda, Koraput hills, Nabarangapur
<b>Global Distribution</b>	Indian, Indichinese to Malesian region
<b>Elevation Range (m)</b>	200 - 1000 m
<b>Part Used</b>	Root, Fruit
<b>Action &amp;Uses</b>	Anti-bacterial, Anti-inflammatory, anodyne, rejuvenating useful in treating diarrhoea, jaundice, asthma, piles.
<b>Folk Use</b>	Respiratory tract disorders, joint pain
<b>Threats</b>	Hm,L, S, Tp, Lf.
<b>INCU Threat Status (Odisha)</b>	A2cd, EN
<b>Status in Other State</b>	EN: TN, VU: CHTGH, NT: KL, NE: KA