

Ipomoea pes-caprae (Linn.) R.Br.

Synonyms : *I. biloba* Forssk.

Family : Convolvulaceae

Parts Used : Whole plant

Vernacular Names

English : Goat's foot creeper

Malayalam : Atampuvalli, Atampu, Chuvannatampu

Hindi : Dopatilata

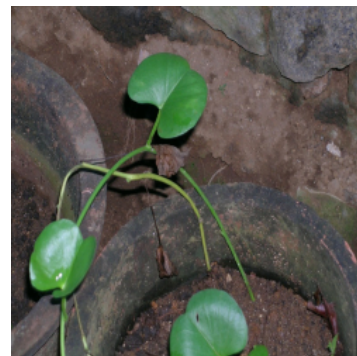
Sanskrit : Sagaramekhala, Maryadavalli, Sagara, Manmatha, Raktapushpa

Bengali : Marjadvel, Maryadvel, Sumudraphen

Kannada : Bangadivalli

Tamil : Atampu, Atappan koti

Telugu : Balabantatige



Distribution and Habitat: Through out India especially along sandy shores

Uses: Skin diseases, boils, swellings, carbuncle, cramp, burning sensation

Botany: An extensively trailing sand binding perennial herb with long tap roots and a thick brown bark.

• **Leaves:** Deeply 2 lobed, 3.8-5.7 x 5-7.5 cm, alternate, glabrous, parallel veined. Petioles 2.5-9 cm long, glabrous.

• **Flowers:** Large, purple red, usually solitary; peduncles erect, 2.5-11.5 cm long, pedicels 1.6-4.5 cm long, stout, corolla 3.8-5 cm long, tubular-infundibuliform, brilliant rose-purple with a deeper colour in the tube, glabrous.

• **Fruits:** Ovoid, glabrous capsules, seeds-4, dark brown tomentose.

Propagation: By seeds

