

Observations on the Siddha Drug Karunkoduveri

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Through Venkoduveri and Chen-koduveri are known all over India to practitioners of Ayurveda and Siddha systems of Medicine, Karunkoduveri is unknown except in the districts of Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari and Trivandrum where the Siddha practitioners are using it. The plant is very much like Venkoduveri (Setachitraka in Sanskrit) but the roots are much more potent than Chen-koduveri (Raktachitraka in Sanskrit). The present preliminary chemical examination confirms this.