

AQUILARIA MALACCENSIS, AN AYURVEDIC MEDICINAL HERB FOUND IN ASSAM – ITS THERAPEUTICAL AND PHARMACOLOGICAL ASPECT

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ABSTRACT: *Aquilaria malaccensis*, agar wood also popularly known as “Wood of Gods” is one of the oldest and critically endangered species found extensively cultivated in Assam and other North - Eastern states of India, which have been in practice as traditional medicine as well as its commercial products. It is a large evergreen tree 18-20m in height, 1.5-2m in diameter. *Ayurveda* the Ancient Medicinal System has also given prime importance to *Aquilaria malaccensis* for treating various disorders where is prescribed as an appetizer, analgesic, antipyretic, antihistaminic, styptic, carminative, cytotoxic, insecticidal, general tonic, etc. Efforts have been made by researchers to verify the efficacy of the plant through scientific biological screening. The critical evaluation of the literature revealed some notable pharmacological activities of the plant. The present study evaluates the potential use of the plant either in pharmaceuticals or as agricultural resource and highlight the phytochemicals, various therapeutic uses as per *Ayurveda* as well as pharmacological reports on *Aquilaria malaccensis*.

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