

PPPL Standards

Herbarium sheet

Nagkesar (Mesua ferrea)

Common name: Cobra saffron, English: Cobra Saffron, Marathi: Nagakaeshar, Sanskrit: Nāgakesara

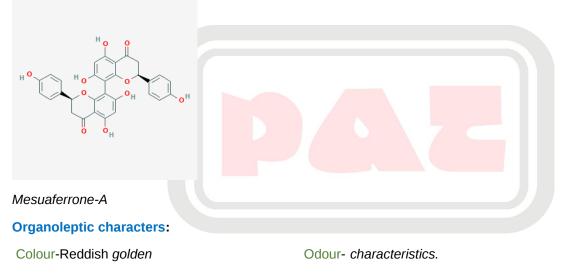
Gujarati: Pilu nagkesara, Hindi: Nag champa

Part used: Flower & Stamens - Flowers are white, hermaphrodite or polygamous, fragrant, 2 to 10 cm across axillary, solitary or sometimes in pairs.

Both sepals and petals are 4 in number, stamens indefinite, golden yellow, much shorter than the petals.

Style is twice as long as the stamens. Stigma is peltate.

Active Chemical constituents: Mesuaferrone-A



Taste- astringent

Pharmacological applications: fever, cold, asthma and as carminative, expectorant, cardiotonic, diuretic and antipyretic agent

Granthokta Ayurvedic application: Raktasangrahak,Amapachak,khaph,khasi (Ref:Bhavaprakasa Nighantu Page No:230)



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