

Ipomoea pes-caprae

Liseron de bord de mer

Family : Convolvulaceae



The seaside bindweed is a large creeper forming huge mats of greenery all along the coastline.



Its name comes from the shape of its leaves. Indeed, the leaves are cut into two lobes, resembling the hooves of goats! Its ephemeral flowers have the shape of a funnel of pink-mauve color and turn throughout the day to follow the movement of the sun.

Virtues

Ecology

- Stabilizing plant of the littoral, fight against the erosion



Usages traditionnels

- In the Koumac region, a fisherman whose wife is pregnant must hang a piece of this vine around his hips, otherwise he will not fish



Pharmacopée

- Young crushed leaves used as a poultice to treat panarias, ulcers, bites and bites of marine animals
- Leaves used in decoction against inflammations, rheumatisms and cramps
- Root used in decoction against colic and fevers



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