

Botanic Name: *Solanum verbascifolium* L.

Common name: Kasungog

Habitat: Terrestrial

Family: Solanaceae

Distribution: Pantropic but gradually becoming rare in its natural habitats in India

Description: Shrub, yellowish grey tomentum with scurfy stellate hairs, leaves ovate to oblong-ovate, leathery; flower white or pale blue in dichotomous corymb, corolla is woolly without with spreading oblong ovate lobes; fruits fleshy green or yellowish, rounded berry with minute seed

Phytochemicals: Plant and fruit contains solanine, malic acid, a coloring matter, and saponin. Also contains steroidal saponins, free genins, steroidal alkaloids of the spirosolane group, such as solasodine and tomatidine. Alkaloids account for 0.4% of the mass of dry berries and leaves

Medicinal/Economic uses: Decoction of root used internally for Diarrhea and dysentery, leaves are heated and used for headaches, also used for ulcer, fever, hematuria etc.