



Ethnopharmacognostic survey on botanical compendia for potential cosmeceutic species from Atlantic Forest

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RESUMO: “Levantamento etnofarmacognóstico em compêndios botânicos de espécies da Mata Atlântica com potencial cosmecêutico”. A Mata Atlântica é um dos ecossistemas mais ameaçados do planeta, sendo reconhecida como uma área de grande biodiversidade sob alto nível de stress. A área cosmeceutica abrange medicamentos de uso tópico e cosméticos, e o uso de produtos naturais para aplicação externa sempre foi observado em diversas culturas. Este trabalho trata de uma análise etnofarmacognóstica de dois compêndios botânicos (CB): Dicionário das Plantas Úteis do Brasil - e das exóticas cultivadas, compilado por Pio Correa (PC) e Flora Ilustrada Catarinense (FIC). Destes compêndios, foram selecionadas espécies com uso cosmeceutico ou com características fisico-químicas e organolépticas relacionadas. Essas espécies selecionadas foram analisadas quanto à validade da nomenclatura botânica e a ocorrência de publicação científica, e quanto ao risco de extinção. PC e FIC apontaram que 245 espécies vegetais, pertencendo a 98 famílias, possuem uso cosmeceutico no Brasil. As famílias mais citadas foram: Asteraceae, Fabaceae, Myrtaceae, Annonaceae, Clusiaceae, Anacardiaceae, Apiaceae, Bignoniaceae e Solanaceae. As partes usadas mais citadas foram cascas, folhas e partes aéreas. As propriedades mais citadas foram efeito tônico e adstringente, seguido de efeito cicatrizante, emoliente, antiinflamatório, antiúlcera, anti-séptico, parasiticida e clareador da pele. De acordo com a pesquisa bibliográfica no Pubmed, a maioria das espécies selecionadas (65%) não foi investigada farmacológica e quimicamente.

Unitermos: Mata Atlântica, cosmeceuticos, etnobotânica.

ABSTRACT: The Atlantic Forest is one of the most endangered ecosystems on earth, and is acknowledged as an area with truly exceptional levels of biodiversity under enormous levels of stress. Cosmeceutics cover a border area between pharmaceuticals for skin diseases and cosmetics. Natural products for external application, to improve the appearance of the skin or for skin treatment, have always been observed and used by native cultures. The present work deals with the ethnopharmacognostic analysis of two botanical compendia (BC), named: Dicionário das Plantas Úteis do Brasil - e das exóticas cultivadas, compiled by Pio Correa (PC) Flora Ilustrada Catarinense (FIC). From these BC, reported species with cosmeceutical uses or with related physico-chemical or organoleptic characteristics were selected, updated, searched for scientific background and highlighted if endangered. PC and FIC specified that 245 plant species, belonging to 98 plant families, are used in Brazil for cosmeceutical, cosmetic or skin remedies. The families most widely represented were Asteraceae, Fabaceae, Myrtaceae, Annonaceae, Clusiaceae, Anacardiaceae, Apiaceae, Bignoniaceae and Solanaceae. The most frequently cited plant parts were bark, followed by leaves and aerial parts. The most frequently cited properties were astringency and tonic effect followed by uses in skin disorders and wound healing, emollient characteristic, anti-inflammatory uses and healing of skin ulcers, antiseptic effects, parasiticide and skin lightening properties and aphrodisiacs. According to the Pubmed survey, most of the selected species (65%) have not been previously investigated for potential cosmeceutical applications, nor have their chemical composition been investigated.

Keywords: Atlantic forest, cosmeceutics, ethnobotany.

INTRODUCTION

Overview

Biodiversity supplies the structure of the ecosystems that support essential living resources, including wildlife, fisheries and forests, helping to provide basic human needs such as food, and medicines. It comprises the ecosystems that maintain oxygen in the air, enrich the soil, purify the water, and regulate the climate, besides its recreational, cultural, spiritual and aesthetic values. The increasing consumption of resources, and the growing populations in society have led to a rapid loss of biodiversity, eroding the capacity of the earth's natural systems to provide the essential goods and services on which human communities depend (Arcanjo, 2000).

The Atlantic Forest is one of the most endangered ecosystems on earth, and is acknowledged as an area with truly exceptional levels of biodiversity, but it is also an area which is under enormous levels of stress, containing a high level of endemism. The Atlantic Forest is home to about 70% of all Brazilians and contains some of the largest urban centres on the continent. The South Brazilian State of Santa Catarina was originally totally covered by Atlantic Forest; today less than 8% of the original forest remains, occurring mostly in isolated remnants scattered throughout a landscape dominated by agricultural and extractive practices. At a provincial level, people are slowly becoming aware of the importance of the forest and the need to conserve it, but there is still a widespread misconception that the forest is unproductive. Different States still have contradictory policies and there lacks a common strategy for forest conservation (Galindo-Leal; Camara, 2003). It is therefore advisable that conservation mechanisms such as sustainable exploitation be planned to stimulate the continuity of efforts, lessening dependence on international funding. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), signed in 1992, has been ratified by 178 countries, including Brazil, and provides a legal framework for a comprehensive ecosystem-based approach to conservation. It introduced the term access and its respective legal implications in three different contexts: access to genetic resources, access to technology, and access to the benefits derived from the use of biodiversity. In accordance with this treaty, and the tasks required for its implementation, the Brazilian Congress and Government have been working since 1995 to formulate the domestic legislation required to regulate the CBD vector which deals with access to genetic resources.

The last piece of legislation already in force is Provisional Decree 2052 (published for the first time in June 2000). This is the current Brazilian regulation on access to genetic resources, which disciplines substantial parts of the Convention of Biological Diversity. It

recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities over their knowledge; defines their participation in agreements for use of the knowledge; and establishes general legalization on all uses prior to the day of the decree and the possibility of a registry to entitle the rights (Sant'Ana, 2002).

Cosmeceuticals

As in the case of *functional foods* "food that claims to have health benefits beyond basic nutrition" (Noonan; Noonan, 2004), *cosmeceutics* cover a border area between pharmaceuticals for skin diseases and cosmetics (that have been labelled as substances for skin application without therapeutic benefits). Natural products for external application, to improve the appearance of the skin or for skin treatment, have always been observed and used by native cultures, but have been neglected in recent ethnobiological and ethnopharmaceutical studies (Pieroni et al., 2004).

There is increasing interest worldwide, in the use of natural ingredients in foods and cosmetics (Leung; Foster, 2003). As an example, the root extract of *Pothomorphe umbellata* (Pariparoba, the indigenous name for a common shrub found in the Atlantic Forest) is being patented for pharmaceutical and dermocosmetics purposes, for the prevention and treatment of cell damage caused by exposure to UV rays and ageing. It contains 4-nerolidylcathecol, an antioxidant compound which protects the cell membrane. Pariparoba is used, over the long term, for digestive problems, liver disease and burns (Moraes, 1986; Ropke et al., 2002, 2003).

Few recent ethnobotanical field studies have been carried out in the Atlantic Forest, and those that do exist have mainly investigated medicinal plants (Di Stasi et al., 2002; Mendonça-Filho; Menezes, 2003; Souza et al., 2004; Morais et al., 2005; Brandão et al., 2006; Agra et al., 2007). Although, primary contact with traditional medical practitioners is the ideal method for carrying out ethnobotanical analysis, there are cases where traditional healers are no longer available. As a surrogate, Botanical Compendia (BC) - which are based on direct work with primary information - may provide sufficient insight to identify potential new lead species. To date, however, there has been no established protocol for investigating BC. Buenz et al. (2004) have developed a technique for carrying out ethnobotanical analysis on historic texts, using *Ambonese Herbal*: Volume I as a case example (Buenz et al., 2005).

The present work deals with the ethnopharmacognostic analysis of two botanical compendia (BC), named: *Dicionário das Plantas Úteis do Brasil - e das exóticas cultivadas*, compiled by Pio Correa (PC) (1926) in which species are alphabetically classified by popular name, without description of origin, but occurring in Brazilian territory, and *Flora Ilustrada Catarinense* (FIC). It is composed of 60

fascicles of botanical families presenting genera and species collected in the State of Santa Catarina - Brazil, and does not discriminate between cultivated and natural species.

From these BC, species were selected which have reported cosmeceutical uses or physico-chemical or organoleptic characteristics which have possible cosmeceutical applications, were chosen. Some of the species may be promising sources of new natural ingredients for cosmetic purposes, and also of new pharmacologically active compounds. Expected outputs with this work are an improvement in the valorization of native resources, and the promotion of sustainable use of species in the Atlantic rainforest.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Selection of botanical compendia

Dicionário das Plantas Úteis do Brasil - e das exóticas cultivadas: Compiled by Pio Correa (PC). Manoel Pio Corrêa (1874-1934) was a naturalist from the Botanical Garden of Rio de Janeiro, and a member of the Société Botanique de France. The first volume of his Dictionary was published on 1926, and the subsequent volumes were published in 1931, 1952, 1969, 1974 and 1975, being re-edited by the Instituto Brasileiro de Desenvolvimento Federal - IBDF in 1984, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture (1984). His opera has always been a classical reference for research on Brazilian flora, as a starting point.

Corrêa MP 1984. *Dicionário de Plantas Úteis do Brasil*, Ministério da Agricultura, Instituto Brasileiro de Desenvolvimento Florestal, Brasília, DF, vol. I 747 pp.; vol. II 777 pp.; vol. IV 765 pp.; vol. V 687 pp.

Flora Ilustrada Catarinense (FIC): Raulino Reitz (1919-1990) dedicated his life to surveying the flora of Santa Catarina. He discovered five genera and 327 new species of plants, and founded the Herbarium Barbosa Rodrigues which today has around 70,000 exsiccates. He conceived and edited the Flora Ilustrada Catarinense with 150 families in 172 fascicles. Sixty botanical specialists have collaborated in the elaboration of monographs, each in his or her own area of specialty. Each plant family is compiled in one fascicle, in the form of an encyclopaedia. To access the complete list of publications see: <http://www.cttmar.univali.br/~hbr/fic.htm>

Experimental design

After the selection of PC and FIC, all citations referring to external applications (topical treatments) of native species of Atlantic forest were extracted and tabled (Table 1). Potential pharmacological functions of plants for the skin, extrapolated from their uses in the treatment of certain disorders, were considered.

Initially, the selected species with cited applications in a) skin and annexes pathologies (such as dermatitis, dermatosis, photo protection, microbial and viral infections, among others), b) prevention of ageing and skin maintenance (with antioxidant, astringent, tonic, hydrating and emollient activities, among others) and c) with physico-chemical or organoleptic characteristics (aromatic, foaming properties, colorant, etc) with possible cosmeceutical applications, were referenced through the International Plant Names Index (The Plant Names Project, 1999) and W³TROPICOS (Missouri Botanical Garden, 2003), to identify binomial names and rule out synonymy or misspelling. The botanical names and author citations were also verified through these two databases. All plant species described as useful were investigated in the PUBMED database, seeking scientific information related to the profile of a cosmeceutical application (biological assays and isolated compounds). All the data collected were consolidated into a table; plants that were recognized for specific uses in PC and FIC but which did not have entries in PUBMED were cited as plants that might warrant further investigation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

PC and FIC specified that 245 plant species, belonging to 98 plant families, are used in Brazil for cosmeceutical, cosmetic or skin remedies. Table 1 outlines all the plants detailed by the two compendia and the results of the scientific name search in the Pubmed database. The expanded data summarized in the Table 1 can be accessed in Marense (2004). The families most widely represented were Asteraceae (13 species from *Baccharis*, *Blanchetia*, *Calea*, *Elephantopus*, *Helenium*, *Heterothalamus*, *Leucopsis*, *Melampodium*, *Vernonia*), Fabaceae (11 species from *Acacia*, *Bauhinia*, *Cassia*, *Enterolobium*, *Erythrina*, *Myrocarpus*, *Parapiptadenia*, *Pithecellobium*, *Pterodon*), Myrtaceae (11 species from *Calyptrotheces*, *Eugenia*, *Myrcia*, *Psidium*, *Stenocalyx*, *Pseudocaryophyllus*), Annonaceae (8 species from *Annona*, *Guatteria*, *Rollinia*, *Xylopia*), Clusiaceae (7 species from *Hypericum* and *Kielmeyera*), Meliaceae and Anacardiaceae also with 7 species; Apiaceae, Bignoniaceae and Solanaceae (6 species each). The most frequently cited plant parts were bark (n = 52) or bark and other parts of the plant (n = 17), followed by leaves (n = 56) and aerial parts (n = 33). Roots, flowers, seeds, stems, fruits, rhizomes, resins, pulp and ashes were also reported.

The most frequently cited properties were astringency (n = 68) and tonic effect (n = 33), followed by uses in skin disorders (n = 25) and wound healing (n = 22), emollient characteristic (n = 22), anti-inflammatory uses (n = 14) and healing of skin ulcers (n = 12), antiseptic effects (n = 05), parasiticide and skin lightening properties (2 each) and aphrodisiacs (n = 8). The sum of listed references to physico-chemical and organoleptic

Table 1. Species indicated as cosmeceutical and to skin disorders from the botanical compendia (BC). Dicionário das Plantas Úteis do Brasil - e das exóticas cultivadas compiled by Pio Correa (PC) and Flora Ilustrada Catarinense (FIC). The species shown in (*) are endangered.

Botanical family	Scientific name	Part used	Uses/observations from authors and BC	Occurrence	Pubmed
ALIOACEAE	<i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i> (L.) L. <i>Mollugo verticillata</i> L.	Leaves Aerial parts	Emollient and anti-scorbutic (FIC) Saponins and aromatic principle (PC)	All tropical coast MA to RJ	2 1
ALISMATACEAE	<i>Echinodorus grandiflorus</i> (Cham.&Schltl.) Micheli <i>Anacardium occidentale</i> L. <i>Astronium urundeuva</i> (Allemão) Engl. (*)	Leaves	Skin disorders as cataplasma (PC)	CE to RS, MT	0
ANACARDIACEAE	<i>Lithraea molleoides</i> (Vell.) Engl. <i>Schinus polygamus</i> (Cav.) Cabrera. <i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i> Raddi <i>Spondias lutea</i> L. <i>Tapirira guianensis</i> Aubl.	Bark, Leaves Bark Bark, Leaves Not cited Bark, Leaves Bark, Leaves Leaves Not cited Seeds	Astringent, against aphias (PC) Tannin rich, used to tan (PC) Tannin rich and colorant (PC) Myiasis (FIC) Astringent, wound healing (FIC) Aromatic and astringent (PC) Contains aromatic oil (PC) Ananas flavor. Cataplasma to inflammations. Fish poisoning (PC) Parasiticides against head lice (PC) Very aromatic, to perfumery (PC) Aromatic, against pituitasis (PC) Aromatic (PC) Tonic and astringent (PC) Tonic and astringent (PC) Aromatic (PC)	Abundant on BR ES to SC, MT, MG, CE MG, SP, RJ to RS RJ to SC PE to RS AM to MG, SP and BA Atlantic forest, cerrado BA to RS MG, SP, GO From BA to SC From BA to south BR BR RJ to RS RJ to RS ES to RS	34 4 7 0 5 2 1 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0
ANNONACEAE	<i>Annona cherimoloides</i> var. <i>amplifolia</i> Triana & Planch. <i>Annona furfuracea</i> A. St.-Hil. <i>Annona glabra</i> L.; <i>A. australis</i> A. St.-Hil. <i>Annona spinosa</i> Mart. <i>Guttateria nigrescens</i> Mart. <i>Rollinia exalbida</i> (Vell.) Mart. <i>Rollinia salicifolia</i> Schltl. <i>Xylopia sericea</i> A. St.-Hil.	Not cited Powdered seeds Whole plant Bark Bark Seeds	Wound healing (PC) Wound healing, skin disorders (FIC) Skin ulcers, skin disorders (PC) Against freckles, skin spots(FIC) Contains essential oil, toxic (FIC) Against freckle, spots, erysipela (FIC) Tonic and tannin rich (PC) Tonic (PC)	RJ to RS RJ to RS BR, in the coast side RJ to RS RJ to RS RJ to RS All Brazilian coast ES, RJ, MG and BA	0 0 3 0 0 0 1 0
APIACEAE	<i>Apium australe</i> Thouars <i>Apium sellowianum</i> H. Wolff <i>Hydrocotyle asiatica</i> L.	Whole plant Whole plant Roots	Wound healing (PC) Wound healing, skin disorders (FIC) Skin ulcers, skin disorders (PC)	RJ to RS RJ to RS RJ to RS	0 0 0
	<i>Hydrocotyle calicephala</i> (Chamisso) Urb. <i>Hydrocotyle leucocephala</i> (Cham. & Schltl.) <i>Hydrocotyle umbellata</i> L.	Whole plant Whole plant Whole plant	Against freckles, skin spots(FIC) Contains essential oil, toxic (FIC) Against freckle, spots, erysipela (FIC)	RJ to RS RJ to RS RJ to RS	0 0 0
APOCYNACEAE	<i>Aspidosperma gomeziatum</i> A. DC. <i>Aspidosperma pyricollum</i> Müll. Arg. <i>Geissospermum velosii</i> Allemão	Bark	Tonic and tannin rich (PC)	ES, RJ, MG and BA	0
AQUIFOLIACEAE	<i>Ilex acrodonta</i> Reiss.	Bark	Astringent and tonic (PC)	RJ and MG	0
ARACEAE	<i>Philodendron cordatum</i> Kunth; <i>Philodendron corcovadense</i> Kunth <i>Xanthosoma pentaphyllum</i> (Vell.) Schott	Flowers Resin	Carnation perfume (PC) Aromatic(PC/FIC)	PA, RJ and PE South BR and MG	0 4

ARAUCARIACEAE <i>Araucaria angustifolia</i> (Bertol.) Kuntze (*)	Whole plant	Against testicle inflammation (PC)	RJ to SC and MG
ARISTOLOCHIACEAE <i>Aristolochia cymbifera</i> M. e Zucc.	Whole plant	Anti-septic, against scabies (PC)	BA to RS, GO and MG
<i>Aristolochia warmingii</i> Mast.	Roots and leaves	Against contusions, snake bite (PC)	GO and MT
ASTERACEAE <i>Baccharis articulata</i> (Lam.) Pers.	Dried plant	Cicatrisation over syphilitic (FIC)	Abundant in SC, RS
<i>Baccharis leptcephala</i> DC.	Leaves	Anti-herpetic (FIC)	RJ to RS
<i>Baccharis medullosa</i> DC.	Aerial parts	Anti infections (FIC)	South BR
<i>Baccharis trimera</i> (Less.) DC.	Aerial parts	Antioxidant, tonic, anti-ulcerous (FIC)	South BR
<i>Baccharis vaccinifolia</i> Chittac.	Aerial parts	Contains essential oil (FIC)	South BR
<i>Blanchetia heterorhicha</i> DC.	Whole plant	Excitant and aromatic (PC)	BA
<i>Calea uniflora</i> Less.	Whole plant	Astringent and bitter (PC)	South BR
<i>Elephantopus mollis</i> Kunth.	Leaves, roots, Resin	Emollient, resolutive (FIC)	Present all BR
<i>Helenium alternifolium</i> (Sprengel) Cabrera	Whole plant	Contains saponin, essential oil (PC)	SP to RS
<i>Heterothalamus psidioides</i> Less	Leaves	Aromatic, excitant, febrifuge (PC)	SP and RJ to RS
<i>Leucopis tweediei</i> (Hook. & Arn.) Baker	Aerial parts	Wound healing (PC)	MG to RS
<i>Melampodium divaricatum</i> (Rich.) DC.	Aerial parts	Tonic and aromatic (PC)	MG and SP
<i>Vernonia scorpioides</i> (Lam.) Pers.	Aerial parts	Bath for hemorrhoid (FIC)	Widespread BR
AZOLLACEAE <i>Azolla filiculoides</i> Lam.	Leaves	Anti scorbutic, aphrodisiac (FIC)	South BR
BALANOPHORACEAE <i>Scybalium fungiforme</i> Schott & Endel.	Floral peduncle	Cooked is aphrodisiac (FIC)	RJ and MG
BEGONIACEAE <i>Begonia paulensis</i> A. DC	Leaves	To wash inflamed eyes (PC)	SP
BERBERIDACEAE <i>Berberis laurina</i> Billb.	Leaves	Against inflammation (PC)	SP to RS, MG
BIGNONIACEAE <i>Arrabidaea chilca</i> (Humb. & Bonpl.) B. Verl.	Leaves	To wash wounds and ulcers (PC)	BR
<i>Crescentia cujete</i> L.	Leaves	Erysipelas and skin diseases (PC)	AM to RJ
<i>Doxanha unguiscati</i> (L.) Miers. ex Rehder	Bark	Tannins, as colorant (FIC)	BR
<i>Jacaranda micrantha</i> Cham.; <i>J. copiaia</i> (Aubl.) D. Don	Bark	Astringent to chronic skin (PC)	BA to RS, MG and GO
<i>Tecoma impetiginosa</i> Mart. Ex DC.	Bark	Astringent (PC)	MG and PI
<i>Tecoma umbellata</i> Sond.	Bark	Astringent (PC)	MG and SP
BORAGINACEAE <i>Cordia grandiflora</i> (Desv.) Kunth	Fruit	Astringent (PC)	BR
<i>Cordia monosperma</i> (Jacq.) Roem & Schult.	Leaves	For contusions, inflammations (FIC)	South BR coast
<i>Cordia superba</i> Cham.	Fruit pulp	Mucilaginous (PC)	RJ, MG and SP
<i>Cordia verbenaeca</i> DC.	Leaves	For contusions, inflammations (PC)	South BR coast
<i>Patagonula americana</i> L.	Leaves	Decoction is emollient (FIC)	South BR

BROMELIACEAE <i>Bromelia antiacantha</i> Bertol.	Juice of fresh fruits	Vulnery, aphtas, mucosa infection (FIC)	South BR
<i>Ananas bracteatus</i> (Lindl.) Schult. & Schult. f.	Fresh fruit	Vulnery, aphtas (FIC)	BR
<i>Tillandsia usneoides</i> (L.) L.	Whole plant juice	With fat unguent for hemorrhoids (FIC)	South BR
BURSERACEAE <i>Bursera leptophloeos</i> Mart.	seeds	Contains medicinal oil (PC)	BR
<i>Protium kleinii</i> Cuatrec	Resin	Antifungal (FIC)	South BR
CACTACEAE <i>Cereus macrogonus</i> Salm-Dyck	Flowers	Aromatic (PC)	RJ to RS
<i>Pereskia aculeata</i> Mill.	Leaves	Emollient (PC)	BA to RS and MG.
CANNACEAE <i>Canna warszewiczii</i> A. Dietr	Leaves	Emollient (PC)	0
CANELLACEAE <i>Cinnamodendron axillare</i> Endl. Ex Walp.	Bark	Aromatic, pungent, wound healing (FIC)	South BR,
<i>Cinnamodendron dinisii</i> Schwacke	Bark	Remedy for all affections (FIC)	MG, SP, PR, RS
CAPPARACEAE <i>Crataeva benthamii</i> Eichler	Roots leaves	Tonic (PC)	AM
<i>Sambucus australis</i> Cham. & Schltl.	Leaves flowers	To skin inflammation, boil (FIC)	South BR
CARYOPHYLLACEAE <i>Alpine vulgaris</i> Moench.	Planta	Astringent, used in perfumery (PC)	0
CAPRIFOLIACEAE <i>Cecropia peltata</i> L.	Leaves	Astringent (PC)	RJ to RS
CELASTRACEAE <i>Maytenus gonoclada</i> Mart.	Leaves and bark	Tonic and stimulant (PC)	SP to RS
<i>Maytenus obusifolia</i> Mart.	Leaves	Ulcers healing (PC)	PI to RJ, MG and GO
CECROPIACEAE <i>Cecropia peltata</i> L.	Leaves	To heal athletes foot (PC/FIC)	RJ, MG, SP, south BR
CHLORANTHACEAE <i>Hedyosmum brasiliense</i> Miq.	Bark	Astringent (PC)	PE to BA
<i>Licania dealbata</i> Hook. F.	Bark	Astringent (PC)	AM, RJ e MG
<i>Licania inconnata</i> Aubl.			0
CLusiaceae <i>Hypericum brasiliense</i> Choisy	Aerial parts	Astringent and aromatic (FIC)	South BR
<i>Hypericum connatum</i> Lam.	Aerial parts	Tonic and astringent (FIC)	South BR
<i>Hypericum laxiusculum</i> A. St-Hill	Leaves	Astringent, aromatic, excitant (PC)	SP to RS and MG
<i>Hypericum teretiscutatum</i> A. St-Hill	Leaves	Excitant and aromatic (FIC)	Meridional plateaus
<i>Kielmeyera petiolaris</i> var. <i>cipoensis</i> N.Saddi	Not cited	Emollient properties (PC)	GO, RJ and MG
<i>Kielmeyera rosea</i> (Spreng.) Mart.	Not cited	Emollient (PC)	MG and SP
<i>Kielmeyera speciosa</i> A. St.-Hil.	Rhizome	Emollient (PC)	BA to SP, MG and GO

COMBRETACEAE	<i>Laguncularia racemosa</i> (L.) C.F. Gaertn.	Bark and leaves	Tannin rich (FIC)	All Brazilian coast	0
CONVOLVULACEAE	<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> (L.) R. Br.	Leaves	Emollient, mucilaginous decoct (PC)	PA to SP	11
CRASSULACEAE	<i>Bryophyllum pinnatum</i> (L. f.) Oken	Fresh leaves	Heal wounds (PC)	Tropical regions	13
CUCURBITACEAE	<i>Cayaponia cabocla</i> (Vell.) Mart. <i>Fevillea trilobata</i> L.	Not informed Oil Leaves	Depurative of skin affections (PC) Topic use against erysipelas (PC) Heal athletes foot (PC)	BA to PR and MG AM, BA, CE to PR, MG Abundant all BR	0 2
	<i>Lagenaria vulgaris</i> Ser.	Whole plant	Against skin diseases (PC)	BA to RS, MG and MT	0
	<i>Trianosperma tayuya</i> Mart.	Stems and leaves	Hidropy and erysipelas (PC)	Southeast BR	9
	<i>Wilbrandia verticillata</i> (Vell.) Cogn.	Roots	Essential oil for perfumery (PC)	PA to RS, MG and MT	2
CYPERACEAE	<i>Kyllinga odorata</i> Vahl.	Roots Roots	Against leprosy (PC) To treat skin affections (FIC)	AL to SC and GO BR	0
DIOSCOREACEAE	<i>Dioscorea laxiflora</i> Mart. ex Griseb. <i>Dioscorea glodocaneura</i> Vell.	Whole plant	Red colorant (FIC)	South BR	1
DROSERACEAE	<i>Drosera communis</i> A. St.-Hil <i>Drosera montana</i> A. St.-Hil	Bark Bark	Astringent (FIC) Astringent (PC)	SC, MG, SP, RS PI to RS, MG, GO, MT	0 0
ERYTHROXYLACEAE	<i>Erythroxylum suberosum</i> A. St.-Hil.	Leaves Roots, Leaves Seeds Leaves, seeds	Accelerates wound cicatrisation (PC) Used to dry ulcers; resinous (PC) Aromatic oil (PC) Medicinal soap to heal ulcers (PC)	RS, MG and GO BR All Brazilian coast Humid land, Amazon	0 0 0 0
EUPHORBIACEAE	<i>Croton antisyphiliticus</i> Mart. <i>Croton campaxtris</i> A. St.-Hil. <i>Manihot glaziovii</i> Mull. Arg. <i>Omphalea diandra</i> L.	All parts Bark Leaves Bark	Aromatic, applied as plaster in tumors (PC) Astringent (PC) Mucilaginous and astringent (PC) Improves cicatrisation (PC) Tonic and astringent (PC) Used as soap (PC)	PE to RS, MG and MT RJ to RS Brazilian coast PI to MG and PR SP, RJ and BA BA to RS South BR RJ to RS South BR CE to RJ MG, SP, GO and MT	5 2 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 11
FABACEAE	<i>Acacia farnesiana</i> (L.) Willd. <i>Bauhinia candicans</i> Benth. <i>Bauhinia langsdorffiana</i> Bong. <i>Bauhinia pulchella</i> Benth. <i>Cassia verrucosa</i> Vogel <i>Enterolobium timbouva</i> Mart. <i>Erythrina cristagalli</i> L. <i>Myrocarpus frondosus</i> Allemao (*) <i>Parapipladenia rigida</i> (Benth.) Brenan <i>Pithecellobium auaremoemo</i> Mart. <i>Pterodon pubescens</i> (Benth.) Benth.	Whole plant Fruits Bark Wood Gum Bark	Astringent and wound healing (PC) Used in perfume, heal wound (PC) Emollient (FIC) Used for soap production (PC) Contains aromatic oil (PC)		

FLACOURTIACEAE				
<i>Casearia cambessedesii</i> Eichler	Not cited	Improves cicatrisation (PC)	MG and RJ.	0
<i>Casearia obliqua</i> Spreng.	Not cited	Skin disorders (FIC)	BA to RS	0
<i>Casearia sylvestris</i>	Leaves	Anti-herpetic (FIC)	BA to RS	15
<i>Carpotroche brasiliensis</i> (Raddi.) Endl.	Not cited	Against dandruff, anti-herpetic (PC)	BA to SP and MG	0
<i>Xylosma salzmannii</i> (Clos) Eichler	Bark	Astringent and colorant (PC)	RJ to RS and MG	0
GESNERIACEAE				
<i>Gesneria alleghophylla</i> Mart.	Root	Tonic and emollient (PC)	RJ to RS and MG	0
HIPPOCRATEACEAE				
<i>Salacia sylvestris</i> (Mart.) Steud.	Pulp and leaves	Mucilaginous, anti-inflammatory (PC)	RJ, MG, SP	0
ICACINACEAE				
<i>Villaresia congoana</i> Miers	Not cited	Aromatic and stimulant (PC)	SP to RS, MG, GO	0
IRIDACEAE				
<i>Trigridia hirta</i> Link, Klotzsch & Otto	Flowers	Aromatic (PC)	MG, SC	0
LAMIACEAE				
<i>Glechon ciliata</i> Benth.	Whole plant	Aromatic (PC)	SC, RS and SP	0
<i>Mentha rotundifolia</i> (L.) Huds.	Whole plant	Aromatic (PC)	South BR	3
<i>Ocimum micranthum</i> Wild.	Leaves	Aromatic oil (PC)	South BR	3
<i>Peltodon longianthes</i> Kunth ex Benth.	Leaves	Aromatic oil (PC)	South BR and SP	0
LAURACEAE				
<i>Aiouea soligna</i> Meisn.	Bark	Astringent (FIC)	South BR and MG	0
<i>Aniba gardneri</i> (Meisn.) Mez.	Roots, Bark	aromatic oil to perfumery (PC)	RJ, SP (littoral) MG PR	0
<i>Cryptocarya moschata</i> Nees & C. Mart.	Bark	Bitter and aromatic (PC/FIC)	BA to RS and MG	2
<i>Nectandra leucantha</i> Nees & Mart.	Wood	Aromatic bitter and tonic (PC)	AL to SC	0
<i>Nectandra leucothrysus</i> Meisn.; <i>N. rigidula</i> Ness	Bark	Seed to heal wounds (PC)	RJ to SC and MG	0
LECYTHIDACEAE				
<i>Cariniana legalis</i> (Mart.) Kunze (*)	Bark	Mouth and vagina affections (PC/FIC)	ES to SP, MG and TO	0
LILIACEAE				
<i>Herreria salsaparilla</i> Mart.	Roots	Skin disorders (PC)	BA, SP, MG, MT	0
LYTHRACEAE				
<i>Cuphea aperta</i> Koehne	Whole plant	Depurative; skin affections (FIC)	Endemic in BR	0
MAGNOLIACEAE				
<i>Talauma ovata</i> A. St-Hill	Flowers	Aromatic oil (PC)	RJ and MG	3
MALPIGHIACEAE				
<i>Galphimia brasiliensis</i> (L.) A. Juss.	Whole plant	Tonic and astringent (PC)	PA to RS and MG	0
<i>Byrsinima verbascifolia</i> (L.) DC.	Bark	Astringent and febrifuge (PC)	BR	1
MALVACEAE				
<i>Abutilon purpureascens</i> (Link) K. Schum.	Aerial parts	Emollient (PC)	South BR	0
<i>Hibiscus bifurcatus</i> Cav	Leaves	Emollient, eliminate acne (PC)	Wetlands of BR	0
<i>Mahya leiocarpa</i> Ilijin	Leaves	Emollient (PC)	MT and RS	0

<i>Sida macrodon</i> DC	Leaves	To wash wounds (PC)	MG and SP
<i>Sphaeralcea minitata</i> var. <i>cisplata</i> (St.Hil.) K. Schum.	Leaves	Emollients (PC)	South BR
MELASTOMATACEAE	Bark	Very astringent. To wash ulcers (PC)	RJ to SC
<i>Tibouchina mutabilis</i> (Vell.). Cogn.	Folha	Febrifuge, against arthritis (FIC)	RJ to RS
<i>Cabralea canjerana</i> (Vell.) Mart.	Bark	Astringent, against leucorrhea (FIC)	South BR
<i>Cedrela fissilis</i> Vell. (*)	bark	Idem <i>Cedrela fissilis</i> Vell. (FIC)	1
<i>Cedrela lilloi</i> C.DC. (*)	Bark	Aromatic (FIC)	BR
<i>Cedrela odorata</i> L. (*)	Roots	Astringent, to treat skin affections (FIC)	RJ,MG,MS to PR
<i>Guarea macrophylla</i> Vahl	Roots	Astringent, tonic, to treat skin (PC)	2
<i>Guarea spicaeflora</i> A. Juss.	Bark	To heal rheumatism, astringent (PC/FIC)	SP and RJ
<i>Trichilia catigua</i> A. Juss.	Roots	Tonic (PC)	SP to RS and MG
MENISPERMACEAE	Leaves	Aromatic (PC)	6
<i>Cissampelos ovalifolia</i> DC.	Whole plant	Against skin disorders, tonic (PC)	BR
MONIMIACEAE	Bark	Tannin rich (PC)	2
<i>Siparuna camporum</i> (Tul.) A. DC	Stem and flowers	To manufacture of soap (PC)	Brazilian coast
MORACEAE	Bark	Astringent (FIC)	0
<i>Dorsinia brasiliensis</i> Lam.	Bark	Tannin rich (PC)	PE to RS and MG
<i>Trophis racemosa</i> (L.) Urb.			RJ, cultivated
MUSACEAE	Bark		55
<i>Musa paradisiaca</i> L.	Bark		BR
<i>Vriola bicoloriba</i> (Schott) A.C.Sm.	Bark		RJ to RS
MYRSINACEAE	Bark		0
<i>Myrsine coriacea</i> (Sw.) R. Br. ex Roem. & Schult.	Bark	Tannin rich (PC)	0
<i>Rapanea guyanensis</i> Small	Bark	Tannin rich (PC)	0
MYRTACEAE	Bark	Astringent (PC)	RJ, SP and MG
<i>Calyptranthes tuberculata</i> O. Berg	Not cited	Aromatic and excitant (PC)	SP to RS and MG
<i>Calyptranthes variabilis</i> O. Berg	Fruit	Astringent (PC)	0
<i>Eugenia astringens</i> Cambess.	Bark	Astringent, erysipelas (PC)	0
<i>Eugenia caulisflora</i> O. Berg.	Bark and leaves	Astringent and aromatic (PC)	South BR
<i>Eugenia crenata</i> Vell. (*)	Whole plant	Astringent (PC)	RJ and SP
<i>Eugenia ovalifolia</i> Camb.	Leaves, seeds, fruit	Astringent, refrigerant (PC)	RJ and SP
<i>Eugenia tomentosa</i> Aubl.	Bark	Astringent, to wash ulcers (PC)	RJ to RS
<i>Myrcia tingenii</i> O. Berg	Bark	Astringent, aromatic oil (PC)	RJ and SP
<i>Psidium guajava</i> L.	Fruit	Aromatic (PC)	Abundant BR
<i>Stenocarpophyllum sericeum</i> (Spring ex Martius) O. Berg	Bark	To perfume (PC)	RJ to RS
NYCTAGINACEAE	Flowers	Very aromatic (FIC)	RJ, SP, MG
<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> L.		Abundant BR	9

NYMPHAEACEAE <i>Nymphaea amazonum</i> Mart. Zucc.	Leaves	Perfumery (PC)	PA to PR	0
OCHNACEAE <i>Ouratea castaneifolia</i> (DC.) Engl.	Bark	Astringent and tonic (PC)	AM to SP, MG, GO, MT	0
OLACACEAE <i>Ximenia coriacea</i> Engl.. <i>X. americana</i> L.	Bark, pulp, Seeds	Astringent, wound antiseptic (PC/FIC)	CE to RS	0
ORCHIDACEAE <i>Cattleya bicolor</i> Lindl. (*)	Leaves	Aromatic (PC)	SP, RJ and MG	0
<i>Vanilla planiflora</i> (Salzm. ex Lindl.) Lindl.	Fruit	Aromatic and aphrodisiac (PC)	BA to SP, MT	0
<i>Vanilla planifolia</i> Andrews.	Fruit	Stimulant, used in perfumery (PC)	PE to SP, MG, GO	0
OXALIDACEAE <i>Oxalis debilis</i> Kunth.	Leaves	Anti sorbitic (FIC)	South BR	0
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> L.	Leaves	To clean teeth, against warts (FIC)	BR (MG, SP)	1
PASSIFLORACEAE <i>Passiflora aliacea</i> Barb. Rodr.	Fruit	Very aromatic (PC)	RJ to RS	0
<i>Passiflora foetida</i> L.	Not cited	To skin inflammation, erysipelas (FIC)	South BR	1
PHYTOLACCACEAE <i>Phytolacca dioica</i> L.	Wood ashes, Fruit juice	Manufacture of soap	RJ to RS and MG	1
<i>Phytolacca thyrsiflora</i> Fenzl.ex J.A. Schmidt.	Fruits	Colorant (vine falsification) (PC)	RS and SC	0
<i>Seguenzia langsdorffii</i> Moq.	Leaves	Colorant (FIC)	MG and SP	0
PIPERACEAE <i>Piperomia hederaeae</i> Miq.	Leaves	Against beriberi, paralysis (PC)		
PLUMBAGINACEAE <i>Limonium brasiliense</i> (Boiss.) Kuntze.	Not cited	Tonic (PC)	RJ and SC	0
POACEAE <i>Agrostis nebulosa</i> Boiss. & Reut.	Rhizomes	Very astringent (FIC)	All Brazilian coast	1
<i>Elionurus rostratus</i> Nees.	Fruits	Emollient (PC)	South BR	0
<i>Gynnerium parviflorum</i> Nees.	Not cited	Against rheumatism (PC)	South BR	0
<i>Pharus glaber</i> Kunth.	Leaves and fruits	Fortifying hair (PC)	PI to SP	0
POLYGALACEAE <i>Polygala paniculata</i> L.	Roots	Astringent, emollient (FIC)	BR	0
<i>Polygonum stypticum</i> Cham. & Schleid.	Roots	Aromatic (FIC)	South BR	3
POLYPODIACEAE <i>Polypodium vaccinifolium</i> Langsd.& Fisch.	Aerial parts	Astringent (FIC)	South BR	0
PORTULACACEAE <i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.	Stem and leaves	To treat eye afflictions, burns (PC)	BR	40
<i>Talinum racemosum</i> (L.) Rohrb.	Leaves	To extract corns (PC)	MG and RJ to RS	0
PTERIDACEAE <i>Adiantum trapeziforme</i> L.; <i>A. incisum</i> Forsk.	Leaves	Emollient, against baldness (PC)	RJ to SC, MT, MG	0

RHAMNACEAE <i>Discaria febrifuga</i> Mart. <i>Reissekia smilacina</i> Endl.	Bark Not cited	Tonic (PC) Foaming properties (PC)	South BR BA to RJ
RHIZOPHORACEAE <i>Rhizophora mangle</i> L.	Leaves, bark, roots	Very astringent (FIC)	AM to SC
ROSACEAE <i>Prunus sellowii</i> Koehne.	Flowers Bark	Cyanogenic (FIC) Foaming properties (PC/FIC)	South BR SP to RS
QUILLIACEAE <i>Quillaja brasiliensis</i> (A. St-Hil. & Tul.) Mart.	Leaves Flowers Leaves and stems Bark	Aromatic (PC) Aromatic to perfumery (PC) Astringent (PC) Tonic (PC)	RJ to RS BR South BR BA to SP
RUBIACEAE <i>Basananacantha annae</i> K. Schum. <i>Basananacantha spinosa</i> (Jacq.) K. Schum.	Roots, Bark Bark and roots Fruit	Colorant, aromatic, astringent (FIC) Balsamic aroma (FIC)	South BR South BR
Hamelia patens	Bark	Tonic (PC)	BA, MG and GO
Remijia ferruginea	Root	To eye inflammation (PC)	PE to BA and MG
RUTACEAE <i>Fagara rhoifolia</i> (Lam.) Engl. <i>Fagara hyemalis</i> (A. St-Hil.) Engl.	Leaves	Sudorific, energetic (FIC)	PR to RS
<i>Hertia brasiliensis</i> Vand. ex DC	Leaves Not cited	Wash ulcers and wounds (PC) Astringent (FIC)	South BR South BR
Monnieria trifolia	Bark, Flowers Bark, Fruit	Wash wounds, aromatic (PC) Tannin rich, Aromatic (PC)	CE, MG South America
Pilocarpus pennatifolius	Bark	Astringent, foaming properties (PC)	PE to SP
SANTALACEAE <i>Acanthoxylon spinescens</i> (Mart. & Eichler) Griseb. <i>Jodina rhombifolia</i> Hook. & Arn.	Leaves Not cited	Foaming properties (FIC)	North and northeast BR
SAPINDACEAE <i>Magonia glabra</i> A. St.-Hil. <i>Melicoccus bijugatus</i> Jacq.	Bark	Astringent (PC)	PI to MG
<i>Sapindus divaricatus</i> Wild ex A. St.-Hil.	Flowers Bark	Astringent (PC)	RS
<i>Sapindus saponaria</i> L.	Fruit	Astringent and latex (FIC)	SC, MT, AM, PR
SAPOTACEAE <i>Bumelia sartorii</i> Mart.	Bark	Against ulcers and eye afflictions (PC)	AL to SP and MG
<i>Lucuma nervifolia</i> Hook e Arn.	Whole plant	Astringent (PC)	Tropical America
<i>Pouteria lasiocarpa</i> (Mart.) Radlk.	Whole plant	Mucilaginous (PC)	BR
<i>Pradosia lactescens</i> (Vell.) Radlk.	Whole plant	Emollient, astringent (PC)	BR
<i>Sideroxylon rugosum</i> (Sw.) Roem. & Schult.	Not cited	Heal burns and wounds (PC)	PE to BA
SCHIZAEACEAE <i>Anemia fraxinifolia</i> Radii	Bark	Stimulant aroma (PC)	PE to RJ
SCROPHULARIACEAE <i>Antirrhinum majus</i> L.	Whole plant	Tonic (PC)	MG, PA, BA
<i>Bacopa aquatica</i> Aulb.	Whole plant		
SIMAROUBACEAE <i>Mariapa francoana</i> Miers	Not cited		

<i>Tariri ciliata</i> Baill.	Bark	Aromatic (PC)	RJ and SP
<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i> L.	Not cited	Emollient and calming (PC)	SP, MG
<i>Cestrum parqui</i> L'Hér.	Not cited	Against skin affections (PC)	SP e RS
<i>Solanum aculeatissimum</i> Jacq.	Root	Against skin affections (PC)	BA to SP
<i>Solanum americanum</i> Mill.	Leaves	Fresh over wounds and ulcers, (FIC)	Abundant BR
<i>Solanum cernuum</i> Vell.	Leaves	Against ulcers (PC)	ES to SP
<i>Basiloxylon brasiliensis</i> (Allemão) K. Schum.	Bark	Astringent (PC)	ES, RJ
<i>Waltheria duradinhha</i> St. Hilaire	Whole plant	Emollient, to wash wounds (FIC)	South BR
STYRACACEAE	Resin	Balsamic (FIC)	South BR
<i>Styrax glabratus</i> Schott	Bark and roots	Astringent, tonic, mucilaginous (PC)	MG and RS
SYMPLOCACEAE	Leaves and roots	Mucilaginous and astringent (PC)	BR
<i>Symplocos platiphylla</i> (Pohl) Benth.	Leaves	Against hemorrhoid, eye infection (PC)	PE to PR, MG
TILIACEAE	Not cited	Aphrodisiac (PC)	All Brazilian coast
<i>Triumfetta rhomboidea</i> Jacq.	Flowers	Perfumery (PC)	RS
URTICACEAE	Leaves	Aromatic (PC)	PA, BA to SP and MG
<i>Boehmeria caudata</i> Sw	Whole plant	Useful to the skin (PC)	ES to SP, MG and GO
VERBENACEAE			
<i>Avicennia officinalis</i> L.	Bark	Aromatic, sudorific and tonic (FIC)	South BR
<i>Citharexylum barbinerve</i> Cham.	Whole plant	Against eczemas (PC)	AM to RS and MG
<i>Stachytarpheta dichotoma</i> (Ruiz & Pav.) J.Vahl			0
VIOLACEAE			
<i>Anchieta salutaris</i> A. St-Hil			
WINTERACEAE			
<i>Drimys angustifolia</i> Miers.			
XYRIDACEAE			
<i>Xyris laxifolia</i> Mart.			

AL = Alagoas; AM = Amazonas; BA = Bahia; BR = Brazil; ES = Espírito Santo; GO = Goiás; MA = Minas Gerais; MT = Mato Grosso; PA = Pará; PE = Pernambuco; PI = Piauí; PR = Paraná; RJ = Rio de Janeiro; RS = Rio Grande do Sul; SC = Santa Catarina; SP = São Paulo; TO = Tocantins.

characteristics of interest for cosmeceutical purposes are: aromatic or essential oil (n = 66), mucilages (n = 12), tannins (n = 10), foaming properties (n = 11) and resins (n = 02). In the forest, the most popular method of classifying plants is based on the bark color and shape, and this empirical classificatory system may be reflected in the number of citations of bark as the part of the plant used.

Proanthocyanidins or condensed tannins are a group of antioxidant active polyphenolic bioflavonoids that are synthesized by many plants. Proanthocyanidins and other tannins are known to facilitate wound healing (Khanna et al., 2001). The mode of action, however, remains unclear. Some authors speculate that antioxidant activity contributes favorably to the healing of wounds, because reactive oxygen species produced during the inflammatory process aggravate the disorders in the tissues (Lopes et al., 2005; Souza et al., 2007).

According to the Pubmed survey, most of the selected species (65%) have not been previously investigated for potential cosmeceutical applications, neither has their chemical composition been investigated. This fact suggests that the data compiled in this work constitutes a valuable source of primary information for scientific investigation in cosmeceutical and related areas.

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