



# Indigenous use and Ethnobotany of *Cannabis sativa* L. in Thailand

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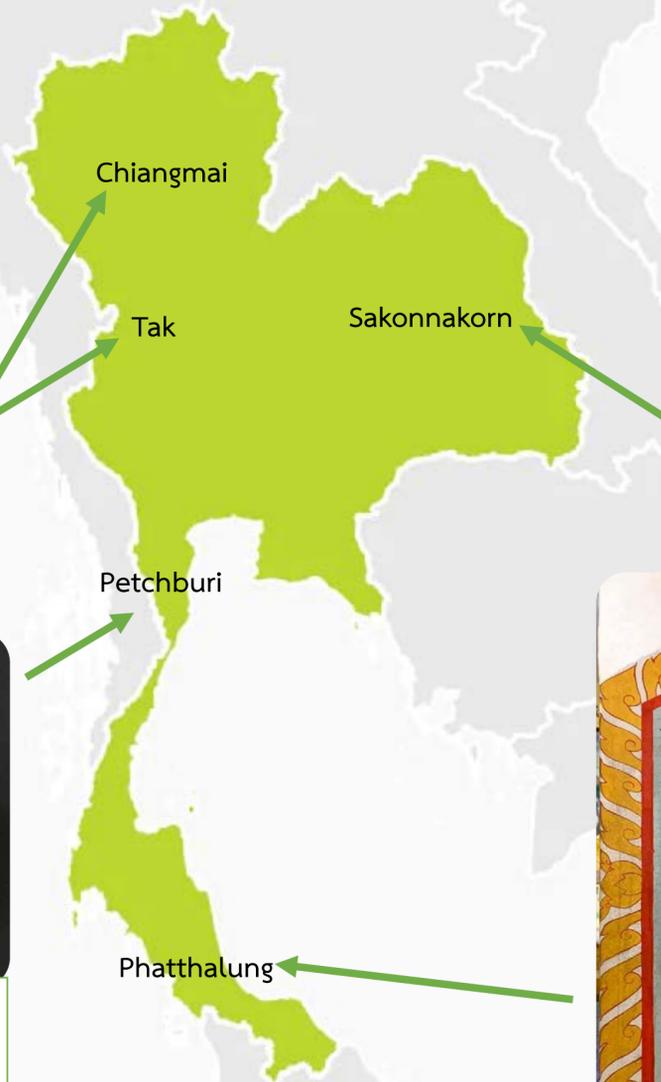


**Introduction:** Cannabis (*Cannabis sativa* L.) has been utilized as a source of fibers, food, oil, medicine, and recreation all over the world. The Thai government supported the use of cannabis as an herbal medicine. The preliminary data from this herbal plant can be used to help govern policies. The goal of this research was to look at the indigenous use and ethnobotany of cannabis across the country.

**Method:** A qualitative study used an in-depth interview to collect data, carried out from August to November 2021. Purposive and snowball sampling strategies were used to choose the subject. The data was examined using the content analysis approach.



A: Fiber source for Hmong hilltribe clothing



C: Recreation use for the soldier in Vietnam war



B: Food ingredient in Thai Food Formulary Book (Keng Plalai)



D: The Thai traditional medicine formulary painting

**Result:** Cannabis is used in four different ways: as a fiber source (A), a food ingredient (B), a recreational plant (C), and a traditional/folk medicinal plant (D).

**Conclusion:** Cannabis is widely used in Thailand, with numerous classifications, comparable to any other country in the world. It should be researched further in terms of its pharmacological activity to increase the acceptance of medicinal herbs.

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