

# THE VANISHING WORLD OF IBOGA

And a closer look at sustainable Ibogaine

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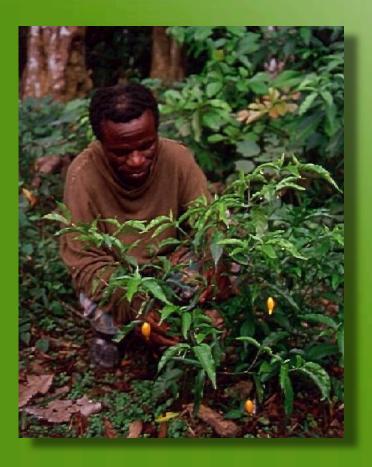






- Ibogaine has been shown to be a widely successful tool in therapy and recovery from drug dependence
- Increase in worldwide demand has led to a lucrative black market and over-harvesting Tabernanthe iboga, the sacred plant of Gabon
- Poachers have decimated old growth reserves in Gabon, Cameroon and neighboring countries
- Over-harvesting has rendered T. iboga an endangered plant specie





Poachers have been systematically stripping the forest of iboga to meet the growing demand for Ibogaine, and have made the once plentiful plant scarce



- Plant stocks have been ravaged for their root bark by poachers for sale to black and grey market producers
- As a result, root bark prices have skyrocketed and indigenous Bwiti practitioners have difficulty obtaining supplies for tribal use and ritual initiation





Pillaged root bark for the grey market and the black market



### IBOGA: The Way of Ivory

- The government of Gabon is currently considering criminalizing international trafficking of Iboga in the same manner as the ivory trade
- Ivory trafficking has become one of the most lucrative illegal trades in Africa due to the rising demand in Asia



# A CALL TO ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE IBOGAINE

- Phytostan urges responsible treatment providers to use products obtained through sustainable agriculture
- Sustainable Ibogaine is harvested, manufactured and distributed in a safe and eco-friendly manner



#### **IBOGAINE:** Black Market

- The black market sells a product it calls "lbogaine" but is actually a crude extract of iboga
- This product is often produced in low-tech labs and contains at least 12 other alkaloids in addition to lbogaine
- Mis-labeled and impure, this product is readily available on the Internet and has a low safety profile that poses a risk to patients



#### TOTAL ALKALOID EXTRACT



Total alkaloid extract (TA) is often misleadingly referred to as "Ibogaine"



### IBOGAINE: Grey Market

- Grey market producers consume large amounts of *T. iboga* as start-up material, which is contributing to the decline of resources
- Treatment providers widely use Ibogaine obtained through grey market sources
- While reasonably pure, the product is not intended for human consumption, but rather animal research only



### IBOGAINE: Grey Market



Grey market Ibogaine is widely used but not intended for human consumption, adding to the depletion of *T. iboga* 



### IBOGAINE: U.S. Versus Canada

- In the United States, Ibogaine is a Schedule I controlled substance, the most stringent drug classification
  - Schedule I drugs are not considered legitimate for medical use and have high potential for abuse
  - Schedule I drugs include cocaine, heroin, LSD, marijuana, peyote, ecstasy, and Ibogaine



#### IBOGAINE IN THE U.S.

- U.S. researchers who possess a Schedule I site license may apply for an import permit from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- It can take up to 9 months to acquire the DEA import permit



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Phytostan provides Ibogaine to qualified U.S. researchers



#### IBOGAINE IN CANADA

 Unlike the U.S., Ibogaine is considered a medicinal Natural Health Product (NHP) by Health Canada





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#### Chemical Substance

NHPID Name:

Ibogaine hydrochloride

Proper Name(s):

12-Methoxyibogamine monohydrochloride

Common Name(s):

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# IBOGA: Meeting the Growing Demand

 What can be done to meet the ever-increasing demand for lbogaine while protecting its rainforest source from extinction?

 Are there legitimate, safe and sustainable ways to manufacture lbogaine while safeguarding this sacred resource?



### IBOGA: Following Nature

- The solution is utilizing sustainable agriculture in the production of lbogaine
- In an effort to preserve the delicate balance of the equatorial ecosystem,
   Phytostan Enterprises has developed alternative renewable resources



### VOACANGA AFRICANA: A Renewable Botanical

 Phytostan's start-up renewable botanical, *Voacanga africana*, is under widespread cultivation in West Africa

 Voacanga africana produces a valuable annual cash crop for export: its seeds



# SUSTAINABLE IBOGAINE: It's all about the seeds



Voacanga africana seed production is an evergreen, high-volume, low-cost, and low-impact process



#### SAFE, PURE & RENEWABLE

- Phytostan's goal is to maintain biodiversity through the use of sustainable agriculture while producing the purest Ibogaine on the planet (99.5%)
- Phytostan's REMØGEN® brand lbogaine HCl is a legitimate pharmaceutical medication manufactured to GMP standards in an FDA-inspected facility



# PHYTOSTAN'S REMØGEN® (Ibogaine Hydrochloride)



- Certified 99.5% pure by HPLC Assay
- Produced in accordance with DMF 10405 on file with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Compliant with internationally recognized standards of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
- Manufactured in a FDA-inspected plant in Chennai, India



- Developed by Phytostan Nutraceuticals, a division of Phytostan Enterprises, IBO+PLUS™ is an alternative energy supplement without caffeine, sugar or sugar substitute-based additives
- IBO+PLUS™ is the first Natural Health Product (NHP) containing Ibogaine to be marketed in Canada
- Ibogaine's stimulant effects have been used for centuries in equatorial Africa to fight fatigue and enhance endurance



### THE NEW FRONTIER: Phytostan's IBO+PLUSTM

Each Veggie Capsule Contains: Vitamin B1 (thiamine HCI)..... 4 mg Vitamin B2 (riboflavin powder)...... 4 mg Vitamin B3 (niacin)...... 10 mg Vitamin B5 (pantothenic acid)..... 100 mg Vitamin B6 (pyridoxine HCL)...... 4 mg Vitamin B12 (methylcobalamin).....4 mcg Biotin 1% ...... 0.20 mg Folic acid...... 0.20 mg Vitamin C...... 100 mg MCC 101......150 mg Magnesium Stearate ...... 6 mg Ibogaine HCI 

Directions: Take two (2) capsules daily, one (1) capsule with breakfast and one (1) capsule with lunch, or as directed.

Storage Conditions: To be stored in a secure environment with controlled access. Store at room temperature 15°-30°C. Protect from moisture.

"This is an Investigational Product. To be Used By a Qualified Investigator only". "Il s'agit d'un produit expérimental, Doit être utilisé par un chercheur qualifié seulement"

IBO+Plus(tm)

Investigational Protocol No.: 60 CAPSULES

Chaque capsule végétale contient:
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Ibogaïne HCI4 mg

Instructions: Prendre deux (2) capsules par jour, une (1) capsule pendant le petit déjeuner et une (1) capsule pendant le repas, ou comme

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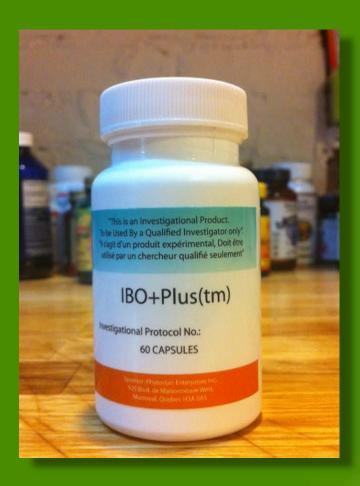
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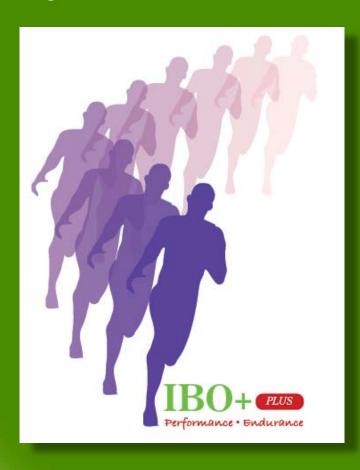


- Phytostan has produced ample research and development supplies of IBO+PLUS™ for use by qualified investigators
- Clinicians or treatment providers wishing to participate in our clinical trials program evaluating IBO+PLUS™ should contact Phytostan Nutraceuticals









Increasing performance and endurance through the benefits of Ibogaine

### THANK YOU

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