

Varieties of Indigo plants in Japan

Japanese name	Science name	Family	Habitat
Tade-ai	<i>Polygonum tinctorium</i>	Polygonaceae	everywhere in Japan
Ryukyu-ai	<i>Strobilanthes cusia</i>	Acanthaceae	Okinawa
Taiwankomatsunagi	<i>Indigofera tinctoria</i>	Fabaceae	Okinawa
Nanbankomatsunagi	<i>Indigofera suffruticosa</i>	Fabaceae	Okinawa
Ezotaisei	<i>Isatis tinctoria yezoensis</i>	Brassicaceae	Hokkaido
Aikazura	<i>Marsdenia tinctoria tomentosa</i>	Asclepiadoideae	Amami, Okinawa



Polygonum tinctorium



Indigofera suffruticosa



Strobilanthes cusia



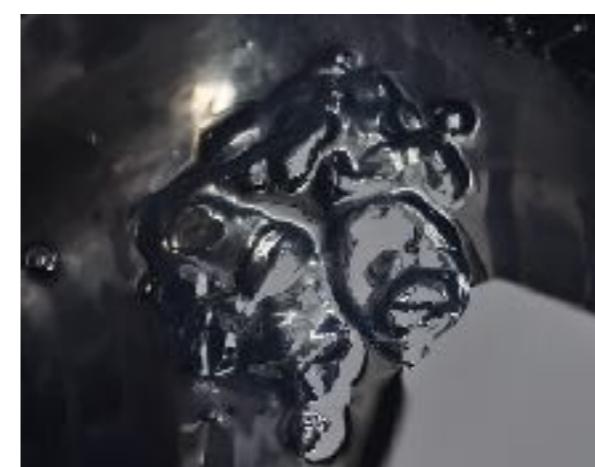
Isatis tinctoria yezoensis



Sukumo fermented with dry leaves and a little water



indigo paste extracted in water and oxidized with lime



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Marsdenia tinctoria tomentosa