

## Stemona

*Stemona* is a genus of vines and subshrubs in the family Stemonaceae, described as a genus in 1790.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

*Stemona* is native to China, the Indian Subcontinent, Southeast Asia, Papuasia, and northern Australia.<sup>[2][5]</sup>

2 fossil seeds of †*Stemona germanica* from the early Miocene, have been found in the Kristina Mine at Hrádek nad Nisou in North Bohemia, the Czech Republic. Fossil seeds of *Stemona germanica* have also been recorded from the nearby Hartau in Germany. *Stemona* fossil seeds are recorded from many European sites ranging in ages from the Maastrichtian to the Late Miocene.<sup>[6]</sup>

*Stemona tuberosa* (Chinese: 半夏; pinyin: bān xià), is one of the 50 fundamental herbs used in traditional Chinese medicine.

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