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Peucedanum officinale

[Synonyms : *Peucedanum altissimum*, *Selinum officinale*]

HOG'S FENNEL is a perennial. Found in Europe (including Britain) it has small yellow flowers.

It is also known as Brimstonewort, Chucklusa, Harstrong, Hoar strange, Hoar strong, *Läkesilja* (Swedish), Marsh parsley, Marsh smallage, Milk parsley, *Persil des marais* (French), *Smlník lékařský* (Czech), Sow fennel, Sulphur root, Sulphur weed, and Sulphurwort.

This plant is considered to be threatened in the wild in Britain.

Officinale means 'of the shop (usually the apothecary's or herbalist's)'. Certain plants used for medicinal purposes, whether of actual or legendary value, were kept readily available and acquired this name.)

Hog fennel was used in veterinary medicine.

Medicinally, the root and juice used to be recommended by herbalists for many different ailments. The juice was said to be useful in treating amongst other things giddiness, headaches, cramp, coughs and sciatica, and the root was believed to be able to prevent gangrene in wounds.