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### **EFSA COMPENDIUM OF BOTANICALS - INTRODUCTION**

- The Compendium of Botanicals is an open-source database –published on EFSA's website– with data supporting **hazard identification** of botanicals and botanical preparations and is used by EFSA, food manufacturers, other risk assessors and risk managers.
- EFSA's Botanicals WG has now updated the database with **new information on botanicals** reported to be used in the EU as food, including food supplements, and feed obtained from an **extensive literature review**.
- Moreover, *in vitro* and *in vivo* toxicity data of substances of potential concern present in the plants have been obtained from a separate extensive literature review.
- In addition to toxicity data, also **QSAR predictions** were generated by three state-of-the-art QSAR model platforms (VEGA-Hub, Danish EPA QSAR and T.E.S.T.).



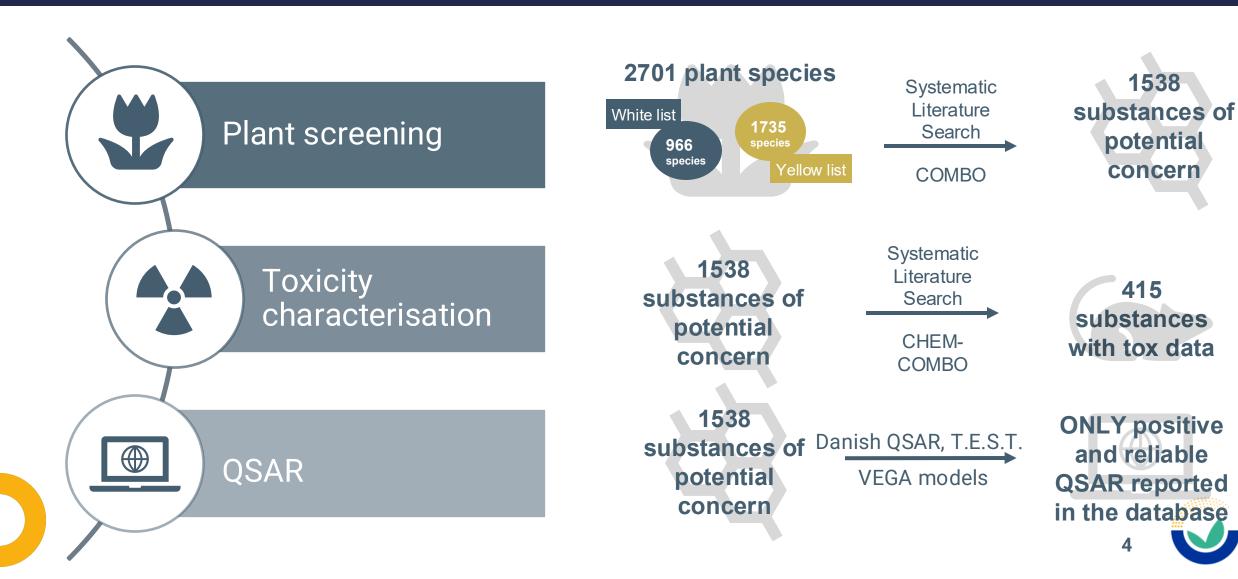
# **COMPENDIUM OF BOTANICALS – APPLICATIONS**

- Botanical materials/extracts contain numerous substances some of which may be harmful to health
- ✓ Botanicals, being of natural origin does not mean safe

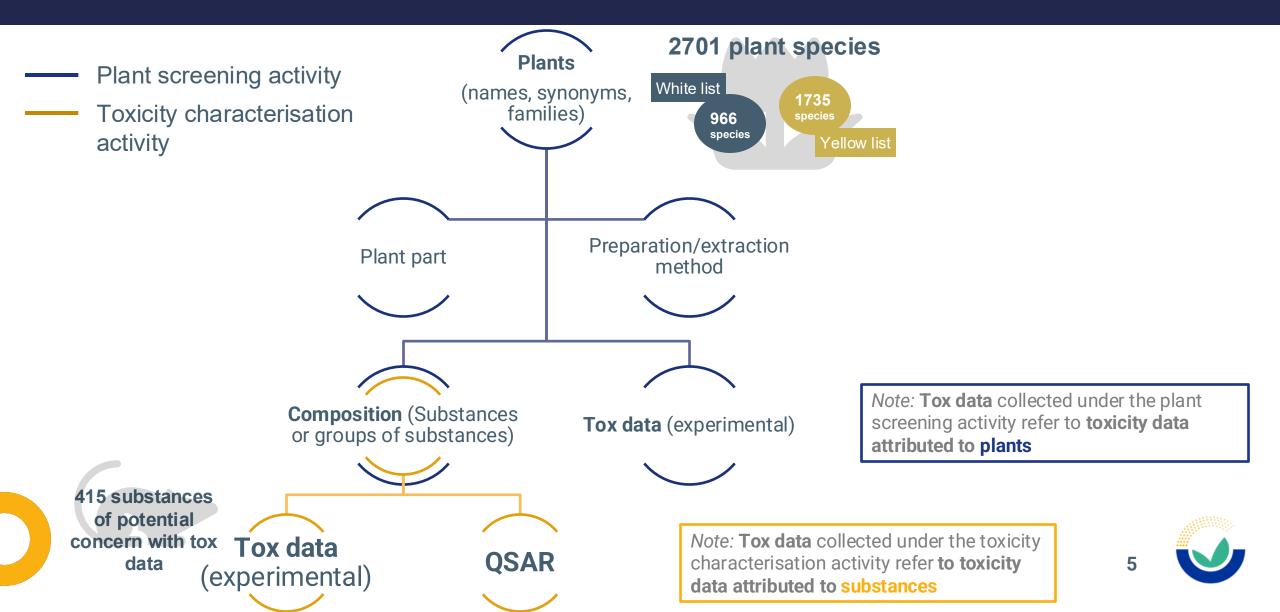




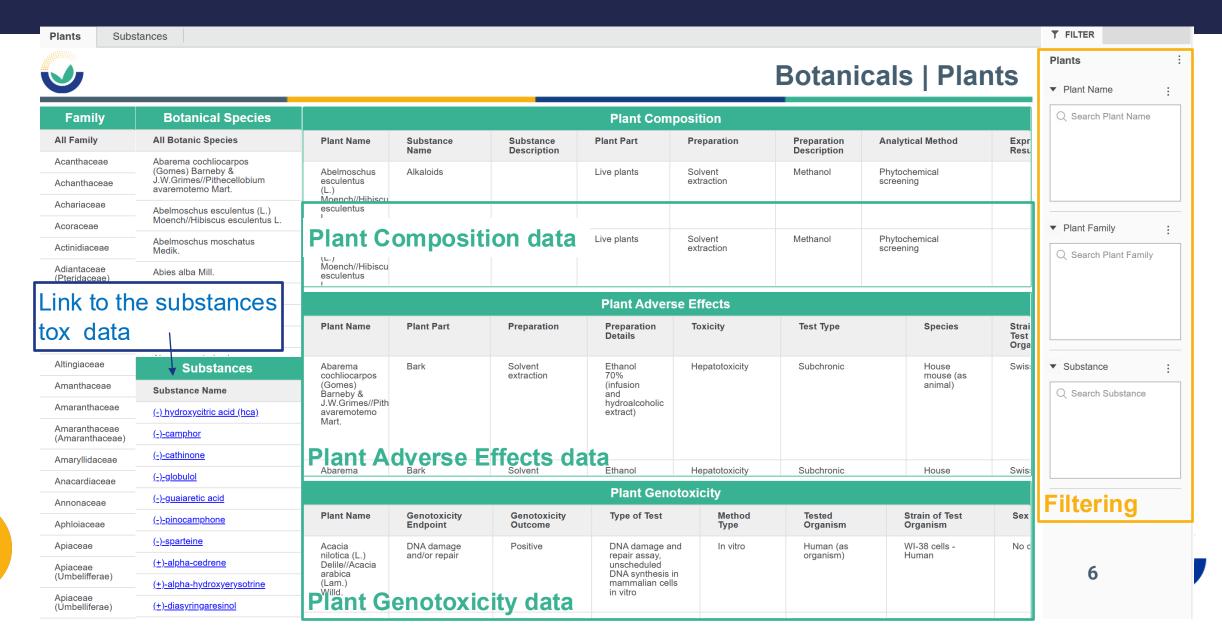
### **OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES**



# THE DATABASE - INFORMATION EXTRACTED/PREDICTED



### THE DATABASE - PLANTS TAB



# THE DATABASE – SUBSTANCES TAB

Plants Substances												▼ FILTER
<b>y</b>	Botanicals   Substances											Substances  ▼ Substance Name
Substance Name			Open Food	Tox S	ıbstance Adver	rse Effects						Q Search Substance
(-) Hydroxycitric acid (HCA)	Substance Name	CAS No.	OpenFoodTox Entry		Toxicity	Critical Effect	Тур	pe of Test	Route of Exposure		Exposure Duration	
(-)-camphor			Lindy						Exposuro		Burution	
(-)-cathinone	(-) hydroxycitric acid (hca)	27750-10-3	No			Body weight	Oth	ner	Oral: feed		14	
(+)-kavain												
(+)-pulegone	Substance	es Adver	se Effec	ts (	lata							
1,4-naphthoquinone												Filtering
1,8-cineole												
2-Hexenal					Substance Ger	notoxicity						
2-Pentylfuran	Substance Name	CAS No.	OpenFoodTox Entry		Genotoxicity Endpoint	Genotoxicity Outcome	Туре	of Test	Method Type	Tested Organism		
3-Butylidenephthalide	(-)-cathinone 71031-15-7		No			Positive	Dominant lethal				se mouse (as	
3-methylfuran							assa	У		anim	al)	
3-Methylindole												
3-nitropropionic acid	Substance	es Genot	oxicity o	data	l							
3,4-Dihydrocoumarin												
3,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid	(-)-cathinone	(-)-cathinone 71031-15-7		No		Positive		Mammalian erythrocyte		Hous	se mouse (as	
4-Amino-butyric acid					and/or repair	4		onucleus test	ailiii		, sai,	
4-Hydroxy-4-methylpentan-					QSAR Predic	ctions						
2-one	Substance Name	CAS No.	OpenFoodTox Entry	SMIL	ES		Acute toxicity	Genotoxicity - Ames	Genotoxicity		Genotoxicit - Micronuclei	
4-Methylquinoline						L (: n		as LD50 (≤ 2000 mg/kg bw)		Chromosomal aberrations (in vitro)		
6-gingerol	<b>QSAR</b> pre											
7-acetylintermedine 7-acetyllycopsamine	(-) Hydroxycitric acid (HCA)	27750- 10-3	No	C(=0)	(O)C(O)(C(O)C(=O)C	D)CC(=O)O	,				Potentially positive	7
Acacetin 7-O-alpha-L-rhamnopyranoside	(-)-camphor	464-48- 2	No	C1(=	D)C2(C)C(C)(C)C(CC2	2)C1	1262				positivo	



## TIMELINE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

