

# Fermentation of African nightshade

# Introduction



- ANS is used as a natural remedy in many Tanzanian communities
- When ANS is matured it is easily damaged, so proper post-harvest handling should be taken
- Fermentation of the ANS improves shelf life and nutrients bioavailability
- Fermentation retains vitamins and minerals, improves taste, appearance and prolongs the product

Stages in fermentation of African nightshade (Relish Making)



#### Harvesting

- Harvest at 4-6 weeks
- Harvest during morning or late evening
- **Exclude damaged ANS** leaves

## Sorting, washing and grading

- Remove insects, soil and damaged leaves
- Wash ANS with running safe water
- Weigh ANS

#### **Preparation of** mixture of salts and sugar

- Add 4 tbsp of salts & 2 tbsp of sugar in 1 L of water
- Use sea salt not iodized salt

# **Fermentation**

Ferment at 25-30°C or at ambient temperature for 25-30 days

### Relish making & packaging

- Cook for 10-15 minutes
- Add ingredients (onions, cooking oil, pepper, cinnamon & cardamom

#### **Packaging**

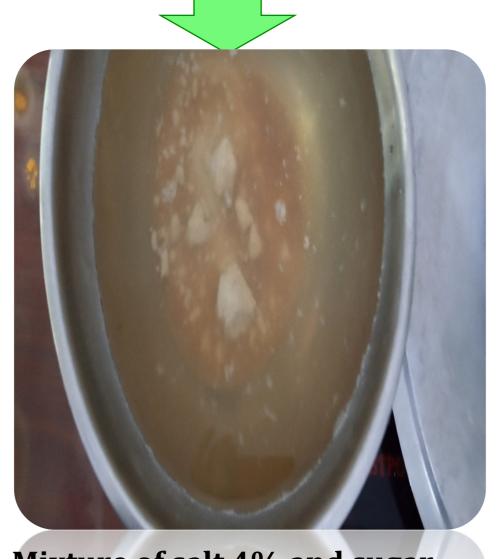
- **Cool to ambient** temperature
- Package in laminated polythene bags, plastic or glass bottles



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Washing of ANS ©Frank Sangija



Mixture of salt 4% and sugar 2% ©Frank Sangija



Fermentation of ANS continues © Frank Sangija



ANS relish © Frank Sangija



Packaged ANS relish ©Frank Sangija



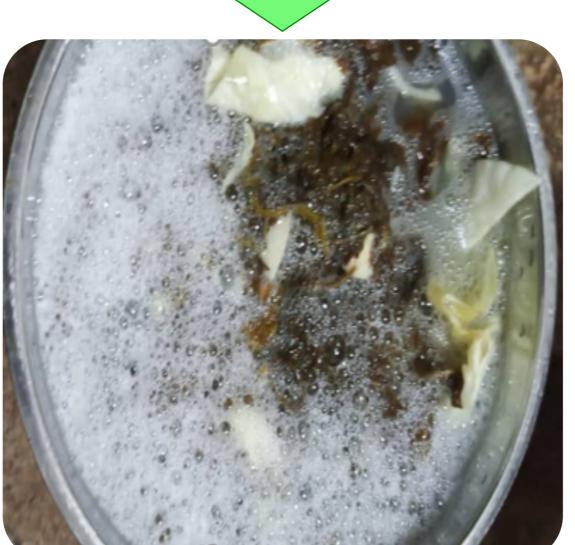
**Collection of ANS in plastic** crates © Marynurce Kazosi



Sorting of ANS ©Frank Sangija



Weighing of mixture of ANS, salts and sugar ©Frank Sangija

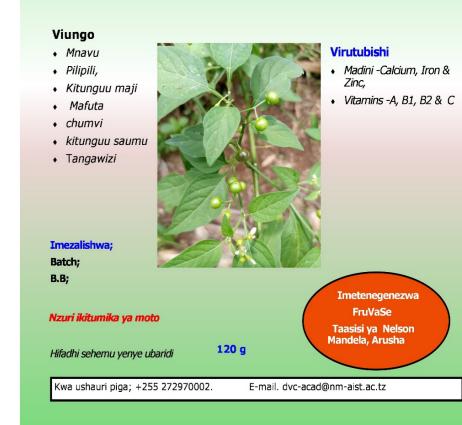


Formation of foams during fermentation ©Frank Sangija



Packaged fermented ANS leaves (relish) © Frank Sangija





**Label** ©Frank Sangija



**Exclude damaged ANS leaves** ©Nono-Womdimo et al. (2009)



Weighing of sorted and washed **ANS** ©Frank Sangija



Fermentation in stainless bucket covered with nylon © Frank Sangija



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