

LIQUIDS

# CARP FOOD CONNOISSEUR

This month: Liquid Chilli Extract

## 001 NOTHING NEW

Says bait expert, Keith Sykes: "Spicy baits and additives are nothing new really. I remember reading Chris Yates and Rod Hutchinson writing about curry specials whilst fishing Redmire Pool and other secret ponds in England. Since those early heady days of carp fishing, spicy baits have become very popular in various guises and are a brilliant alternative to sweet or fishy type baits. Of course the list is endless but one additive that has become very popular is chilli in various forms."

## 002 'TO BITE'

CHILLI PEPPERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE CAPSICUM OR CAYENNE GENUS, WHICH TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE GREEK 'KAPTO', BASICALLY TRANSLATED AS MEANING 'TO BITE', WHICH OBVIOUSLY REFERS TO THE HOT PUNGENT PROPERTIES OF THE CHILLI ITSELF. IN LATIN, 'CAPSA' MEANS SIMPLY BOX-SHAPED, FOR THE POD LIKE SHAPED FRUIT AND THE SEEDS WITHIN.

## 003 HEAT RATING

The heat that is generated by various species of chilli peppers is known as the Scoville Heat Unit. The Scoville scale is the measurement (by HPLC) of the spicy heat, otherwise known as the 'piquance' of a chilli pepper. The greater the number on the scale the hotter the chilli pepper.

## 004 SUPER HOT

Up until recently (this year in fact) the hottest chilli was the Indian grown Bhut jolokia species which had a SHU (Scoville Heat Unit) of 1,041,427. This has recently been over taken by an English grown variety known aptly as the 'Infinity' which has a SHU of 1,067, 286! To give you an example for comparison a normal jalapeno has a SHU of 2,500 to 5,000.



## TOP TEN TIPS FOR CHILLI LIQUID

All courtesy of bait boffin, Keith Sykes

"Place the contents of a can of cooked hempseed in a bait box and add two or three tablespoons of chilli puree to the seed and mix thoroughly, allow to stand overnight. It is also good with sweetcorn, tiger nuts, brazils and chickpeas."

"If you want to add a different twist to the chilli puree, then add a couple of crushed cloves of garlic to it, or alternatively 0.1ml to 500ml of the Chilli Liquid."

"Use it neat as a spicy bait soak for your single hookbaits, pop-ups and even artificial plastic baits. It's just a different edge, but gives the bait a

different taste and smell dimension along with a nice red natural oily plume when in the water."

"This really is one of my favourite additives to Stick mixes. Again, use neat and blend in to attain the desired consistency of the Stick. The oil will create a distinctive plume and also rise in the water column adding further attraction."

"Talking of Stick mixes, why not try it blended with some tinned fish, it really does combine well with tuna, sardines, roe and anchovy fillets, giving a really spicy fish kick note to your Stick mix."

"The puree combines well with the CC Moore's dedicated Red Pepper Spod Mix. This is a proven deadly recipe, especially with a pinch of salt!"

"Take a tin or jar of cooked hemp, liquidise, then add CC Moore's Liquid Chilli Extract to provide a hot and spicy kick which can then be ladled into close spots. The combination of hemp and chilli oil really is devastating and will stop fish in their tracks."

"The natural oil content of the chilli liquid is a good alternative to fish oils and is very good in the winter or colder water temperatures. Liberally coat your free boilies in the liquid before use –

and make sure you wash your hands!"

"In the last issue of the magazine, we mentioned bread and buoyant Stick mixes, well, here is a little edge with which the chilli liquid lends itself to perfectly: either dunk the whole Stick in prior to casting or dunk the end which will have the hook in. By doing this you will get little soldiers standing on parade as the heavier moister chilli end is denser."

"Remember you can with some experimenting add numerous additives, simple ones being salt, sugar and even more chilli oil if you really want to fire on all cylinders!"

## ANGLING BUSHCRAFT #528 How to avoid a cracked Muzza hookbait

The creation of the 'Muzza' came from Tom Dove, but it's our resident columnist, James Armstrong who's come up with the perfect method to avoid cracking your hookbait when drilling it out.

"Here's my collection of tools [1] I need for balancing my hookbaits. Start by slowly drilling out the core of the boilie [2]. Pick around the circumference of the hole, removing the surface [3]. The 'bevelled' edge [4] prevents it cracking when inserting the cork stick."

