PLANT FACT SHEET

Ensete gilettii (De Wild.) E. E. Cheesman

GENUS *Ensete* **FAMILY** Musaceae

COMMON NAMES Seed bearing banana

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Tuber, Root, leaves

DESCRIPTION

A large banana like herb. It has a false stem made up of fleshy leaf stalks It grows 5 m high. It has a swollen base. It does not form suckers. It dies after flowering.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the hilly savannah territory in West Africa. It has been recorded at 1,800 m above sea level in Nigeria.

NOTES

There are 6-7 Ensete species.

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