PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Coscinium fenestratum (Goetgh.) Colebr.

GENUS *Coscinium* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

COMMON NAMES False calumba, Yellow vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine, Flavouring

It is used as a bitter tonic.

DESCRIPTION

A vine or woody climber. The leaves are leathery and shiny. It has a bright yellow sap. The fruit occur as 1 or 2 fleshy fruit 2 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the Western Ghats in India. It grows in deciduous and evergreen forests.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India it flowers and fruits August to October. Plants can live for 25 years.

NOTES

It is used as medicine. Due to over-harvesting it is an endangered species.

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