PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea littoralis (L.) Blume

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Coastal Morning Glory

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten in soups in Pohnpei.

DESCRIPTION

A trailing or climbing plant. It lies along the ground or climbs 1.5 m high. It spreads 1-3 m wide. The stems root at the nodes. The rootstock is woody. Young growth is bright green. The leaves are 1-10 cm long by 1-7.5 cm wide. They are broadly oblong. They can have 3 lobes. The leaf stalks are 9 cm long. The leaves are bright green and fleshy. The flowers are 4 cm across and pink with a darker centre. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit are capsules 1 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow along the coast in sandy soil. It suits tropical, subtropical and warm temperate regions. They need very good drainage. It grows on coral atolls.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 500 Ipomoea species.

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