PLANT FACT SHEET

Scleromitrion diffusum (Willd.) R.J.Wang

GENUS *Scleromitrion* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES White flower snake-tongue grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are occasionally eaten with other vegetables. The leaves and fruits are cooked for curries. The plant is cooked by boiling.
The harvested leaves can be stored for 2-3 days.

DESCRIPTION

A herb that lies along the ground. It grows 50 cm tall. The stems are slightly flattened. Young stems can be 4 sided. The leaves are small and opposite. They are 2-3 cm long and 2-3 mm wide. The flowering shoots are in the axils of the leaves. The flowers are small and occur singly. They are white and have short stalks. The fruit is almost round.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in wetlands. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

NOTES

Medicine, It has anticancer properties.

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