PLANT FACT SHEET

Decalobanthus mammosus (Lour.) A. R. Simoes & Staples

GENUS *Decalobanthus* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Bidara upas

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Tubers, Leaves

The tubers are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A twining herb. It grows 3-6 m long. It has long tubers 10-25 cm long. The plant has a white milky juice. The plant has annual stems. The leaves are broadly oval. The leaves are broadly oval and 6-12 cm long by 5-12 cm wide. The base is heart shaped. The flowers occur as 1-3 together. They are funnel shaped. The seeds are 8 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 500 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 80 Merremia species.

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