PLANT FACT SHEET

Persicaria senegalensis (Meisn.) Sojak

GENUS *Persicaria* **FAMILY** Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Silver snake root

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Tuber, Root, Vegetable

The young leaves are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.
The plant is burnt to make a vegetable salt.

DESCRIPTION

A robust herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 3 m tall. The leaves are alternate and bright green. The flowers are in clusters on long spikes. They are pink. The fruit is a shiny black nut.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in standing water. It grows between 400-3,000 m above sea level.

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