PLANT FACT SHEET

Aframomum subsericeum (Oliv. & D. Hanb.) K. Schum.

GENUS *Aframomum* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Alligator pepper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit including seeds are eaten raw as a fruit. The seeds are used as a flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. It has a creeping rhizome or underground stem. It grows 3 m tall. The leaves are bluish-white underneath. The flowers can be in a cluster at the base of the stem. The fruit are narrow and pear shaped and 8 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic flowers have been observed from May to July and fruit in November.

NOTES

There are about 50 Aframomum species.

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