PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Anamirta cocculus (L.) Wight et Arn

GENUS *Anamirta* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

COMMON NAMES Levant berries, Fish berries

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - flavouring, Vegetable

Fruit were used as an adulteration in beer.
CAUTION: They are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A strong climbing shrub. It can be 15-25 m tall. The stem can be 10 cm across. They twine to the left. The leaves are broadly oval and the leaf stalk can be 6-26 cm long. The flowers are small, yellowish-white and have a sweet scent. The fruit is a fleshy berry. They can be white, red or dark purple. The seeds are deeply cup shaped.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the edges of forests and on riverbanks, It can be on limestone or sandy soils. It grows up to 400 m above sea level. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

It contains the poison picrotoxin.

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