PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhaphidophora decursiva (Roxb.) Schott

GENUS *Rhaphidophora* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Creeping philodendron, Dangling tapanawa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stem

The stems are boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper. It is robust and grows 20 m long. The stems are yellow at the front and green at the back. They are 3-5 cm across and form roots at the nodes. The leaves are scattered. The leaf stalk is green and 20-40 cm long. It has a shallow canal along it. The leaves are round to oval and 16 cm long by 13 cm wide. They are pale green underneath.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in monsoon rainforest and creeps over the ground and rocks and climbs trees. In southern China it grows below 2,200 m above sea level. In XTBG Yunnan. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and cuttings.

PICTURES



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