PLANT FACT SHEET

Dracontium soconuscum Matuda

GENUS *Dracontium* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root, Corm

DESCRIPTION

A herb which becomes dormant during the year. It grows 2-2.3 m high. The leaves have 3 lobes and are deeply divided, then divided again. They are 1 m wide. The leaf stalk is 1-1.6 m high. The flowers have both sexes. It has a short spadix and a spathe which is cup shaped and has a hood. It is dark brown and velvety on the outside and shiny inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 10-11. It needs fertile, humus rich, well drained soil. It can grow in moderate shade.

NOTES

There are 23 Dracontium species.

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