PLANT FACT SHEET

Disa hircicornis Rchb. f.

GENUS *Disa* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Goat's horn disa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

DESCRIPTION

An orchid that grows in the soil. It grows 85 cm high. It has small fleshy tubers. These are 1.5 cm long by 0.8 cm wide. There are often 2 leaves on non flowering shoots and these are narrow and 30 cm long. They are folded along their length. The leaves on the flowering shoots are sword shaped and 5-20 cm long. They are red at the base. The flowering stalk is 18 cm long. The flowers are pink, brown, red or purple.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in damp grassy places. It usually grows between 1,500-1,800 m above sea level but can be up to 2,700 m.

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