PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea oryzetorum Prain & Burkill

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

COMMON NAMES Yam, Damloong chruk

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

The tubers can be eaten cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. It is a climbing vine. It climbs 4 m tall. There are several tubers with white flesh. They are 50 cm long by 3-7 mm wide. They are spreading and cylinder shaped with thickened tips. The vines are 1.5-2.5 mm across and they twine to the right. They have fine ridges along them. The leaves are simple and opposite. The leaf blades are narrowly sword shaped and have 3 veins. The leaf stalks are 1-3 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open paddy fields and plains.

NOTES

There are about 650 species of Dioscorea.

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