PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea welwitschii Vatke ex Hallier f.

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Edible morning glory

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

The tuber is eaten raw. It is also boiled or roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A herb that keeps growing from year to year. It has a woody rootstock or round tuber. The stems are 50 cm long and stiff. They can be erect or lie along the ground. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped. The flowers are in groups of 1-3 in the axils of leaves. The flowers are funnel shaped and 5-9 cm long. They are pink or white with a darker centre. The fruit is a round capsule. It is leathery.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in savannah in sandy soils between 350-1,680 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 500 Ipomoea species.

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