PLANT FACT SHEET

Pogostemon heyneanus Benth.

GENUS *Pogostemon* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Java patchouli, Smooth patchouli

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves drink flavour

The dried leaves are used to produce a country spirit drink.

DESCRIPTION

A straggling shrub. The stems are woody at the base. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves are 11 cm long by 6 cm wide. They are oval and taper to the end and have irregular teeth. The flowers occur as a few together and have triangle shaped lobes.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows up to 1,000 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

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