PLANT FACT SHEET

Pelatantheria insectifera (Rchb.f.) Ridl

GENUS *Pelatantheria* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

The skin is stripped off the aerial root, which is burnt then eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

An orchid. It has a long stem. It is 30-60 cm long. The flowers have a pink labellum. The flowers resemble an insect.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 600-1,100 m above sea level.

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