PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea minutiflora Engl.

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root, Vegetable

The tubers are roasted, boiled or fried.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. It is a vine plant. The tubers are below a woody crown. They can be at the end of finger like projections. The stems twine to the right. They are round. The leaves are opposite and entire. They can be papery and prickly. There are no bulbils along the stem. The tubers keep developing from year to year.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in secondary clearings in rainforest in Congo. It is in humid areas and well-drained soils. It suits humid locations. In Kenya it grows between 1,500-2,400 m altitude. It is in areas with more than 700 mm rainfall.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from the base of the hard branched stem base. The stems need supports to climb over.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Tubers can be harvested after 2-3 years. Plants can be left to grow for 20 years.

NOTES

There are about 650 species of Dioscorea.

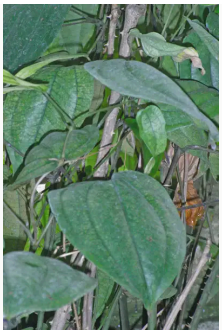
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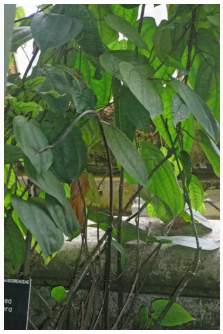
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