PLANT FACT SHEET

Curcuma aurantiaca van Zijp.

GENUS *Curcuma* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Rainbow curcuma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. It grows 1.5 m tall. It has small rhizomes and no false stems. The rhizomes are white inside and have an aroma. There are 2-5 leaves and they are oblong to sword shaped. The flowers are in dense heads on a stalk from the base. The flowers are tube shaped and yellow. The fruit is an oval capsule. The seeds are shiny and light brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in teak forests and grassy fields up to 700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from division of the rhizome.

NOTES

There are about 50 Curcuma species. They are mostly in SE Asia.

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