PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Pachycarpus lineolatus (Decne) Bullock

GENUS *Pachycarpus* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The roots are powdered or dried then boiled.

DESCRIPTION

A single stemmed plant. It is erect and keeps growing from year to year. It puts up annual stems. It grows 1.5 m high. The roots are thick and spindle shaped. They have a white flesh and milky sap. The flowers are tinged purple. The fruit are made of 2 follicles. They are spindle shaped and 12 cm long by 7 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the savannah.

NOTES

It is used as a medicine.
This may be the same as Pachycarpus bisacculatus in Zimbabwe.

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