PLANT FACT SHEET

Piper betleoides C. DC.

GENUS *Piper* **FAMILY** Piperaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are chewed with betel nut as a stimulant.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. The stems have weak lines along them. The lower leaves are broadly oval to heart shaped and the upper ones are oval to sword shaped. They are 9-17 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. The base is unequal. Male flower spikes are 5-6 cm long by 2-3 mm wide. The female spikes are 3-4 cm long on slender stalks. The fruit spikes are swollen. The fruit are 2 mm across and in dense groups.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Bhutan plants flower April to July.

NOTES

An unresolved name in The Plant List.

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