PLANT FACT SHEET

Arisaema leschenaultii Blume

GENUS *Arisaema* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Cobra lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Rhizome, Root, Corm

The tuberous roots are boiled and eaten. They are roasted and pounded and soaked in ash water for 3 days then washed and eaten with salt and chillies.

DESCRIPTION

A climber. It has a fattened corm at the base. This is 1-6 cm across. The leaves have 7-12 leaflets that are 15-25 cm long by 5-7 cm wide. They are sword shaped and taper to the tip. There is a vein along the edge. The leaf stalk is 70 cm long and 1-3 cm thick. There is a spathe that wraps around the flower. This is 10-22 cm long The spadix or stalk with the flowers is 11-15 cm long. The female flowers are in the lower section.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows on the edges of evergreen forests and in grasslands.

NOTES

It has antioxidant activity and alkaloids and therefore medicinal uses.

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