PLANT FACT SHEET

Oryza longistaminata A Chev. et Roehr.

GENUS *Oryza* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A cereal grass that keeps growing from year to year. It has extensive underground stems or rhizomes. It forms tussocks. The stalks grow 1.3 m high and are 1 cm across. They are soft and spongy and form roots from the nodes. The leaf blade is 45 cm long and 15 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in creeks and damp areas. It can grow in shallow ponds and swamps. It grows between 900-1,100 m above sea level. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall of 600 mm. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is difficult to harvest because the grain shatters.

NOTES

There are about 20 Oryza species. This is a diploid species with AbAb genome.

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