PLANT FACT SHEET

Dienia cylindrostachya Lindley

GENUS *Dienia* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Tukuna

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The boiled roots are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An orchid. It grows to about 15 cm high. There is one leaf. It is 5-11 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. It is oval and the base sheaths the stem. The flowers are very small. They are green.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 2100-3500 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds or tubers.

NOTES

There are about 300 Malaxis species. Most are in the tropics.

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