PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea shirambensis Baker

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Zambezi morning-glory

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The root is eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A woody climber. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 3 m tall. The leaves appear after flowering. The leaves are in groups on new shoots. They are heart shaped and 8 cm long by 5 cm wide. The flowers are in dense clusters om older shoots. The flowers are trumpet shaped and white with a reddish centre. The fruit is an oval capsule.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry open woodland. It grows in sandy soils between 30-1,400 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 500 Ipomoea species.

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