PLANT FACT SHEET

Ocimum kilimandscharicum Baker ex Gurke

GENUS *Ocimum* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Camphor basil, Karpoor basil

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Leaves - flavouring

The leaves are occasionally use for tea.
They are used to flavour rice, dahls and vegetables.
The shoots are cooked with dried fish and alkali solution and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 2 m tall. The branches are 4 sided and hairy. The leaves are simple, opposite and oblong. They narrow to the base. There are teeth along the edge. The seeds are black and very small. They are 2 mm long and 1 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs well drained soil. It suits areas with a rainfall or 1,250 mm per year. In India it grows up to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings. The seeds are put in a nursery and then transplanted.

NOTES

The oil can be used to protect stored grain from insects.

PICTURES



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