PLANT FACT SHEET

Aloe tenuifolia Lam.

GENUS *Aloe* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

COMMON NAMES African aloe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flowers are used in soup.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent plant with a short stem. The leaves are in rings. They are sword shaped and 30-45 cm long by 5 cm wide. They are broadest below the middle and taper to the tip. They have white blotches. There are small irregular teeth along the edge.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

Also put in the family Aloaceae. Also put in the family Asphodelaceae.

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