PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceropegia ampliata E. Mey

GENUS *Ceropegia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Bushman's pipe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Tubers

DESCRIPTION

A vine that keeps growing from year to year. It climbs 1 m high and spreads 1 m wide. The stem is slender and twining. It does not have leaves. The flowers are light green and tube shaped. They are 3 cm long and swollen at the base. It has expanding dark green lobes that unite at the tip.

HABITAT

It is best in a rich, well-drained soil. It suits a protected sunny position. It is damaged by drought or frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds, by cuttings or by dividing the tuber.

NOTES

The tubers of all Ceropegia species are probably edible. Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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