PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea irodensis Wilkin, Rajaonah & Radriamb

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

DESCRIPTION

A yam. The vine twines to 6 m tall. The tuber is 80 cm long by 15 cm wide. It lies horizontal under the ground. The leaves are in clusters on up to 7 on short branches. They are alternate and 30-70 mm long by 22-75 mm wide. They are hairy underneath.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 30-230 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is a critically endangered species.

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