PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis sativus var. xishuangbannanensis Qi & Yuan ex S. S. Renner

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Xishuangbanna cucumber, Shihuo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw, boiled, sliced and spiced.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. The stems are 6-7 m long. They have 20-40 side branches. Male and female flowers are separate. The fruit are thick and cylinder shape. It has orange fruit pulp.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows above 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 25 Cucumis species.
It is rich in B-carotene or proVitamin A.

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