PLANT FACT SHEET

Alpinia hainanensis K. Schum.

GENUS *Alpinia* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Round cardamon, Lengkuas alpinia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - spice

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb that has an aroma. It grows 1-2 m high. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped. They are 30-55 cm long by 2-9 cm wide. They are hairy on both surfaces. The flowers are showy and white. They are at the end of the branches. The lip of the flower is tinged purple-pink. The fruit is a round capsule. It is yellow and hairy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mountain forests and wetlands up to 1,300 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by division of the rhizome, from tubers or corms and offsets.

PICTURES



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