PLANT FACT SHEET

Bambusa nepalensis Stapleton

GENUS *Bambusa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Choya bans

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Vegetable

The tender shoots are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It grows to about 20 m tall. The culm is large and densely covered with brownish fur. The culm sheath is broad and hairy. Nodes are not raised. The leaves are sword shaped. The leaf sheaths are white and hairy.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Nepal it grows from 500-1300 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from cuttings of the culm.

NOTES

There are about 120 Bambusa species. They are tropical and subtropical in Asia.

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