PLANT FACT SHEET

Himalayacalamus brevinodus Stapleton

GENUS *Himalayacalamus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Malinge nigalo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The tender shoots are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. It grows to 9 m high and 1-3 cm across. It grows in clumps. The internodes are about 20 cm long and 2.5 cm wide. The sheath of the stem has a narrow tip and long blade. The stems droop at the tip. The leaf blades are sword shaped and 10-20 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They taper to the tip.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 1800-2200 m altitude. It grows in open places. It can grow in light shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by splitting the rhizome.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly.

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