PLANT FACT SHEET

Plectranthus edulis (Vatke) Agnew

GENUS *Plectranthus* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Ethiopian potato, Gala potato

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Leaves, Rhizome, Tubers

The tuberous root is eaten raw.
The leaves are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It produces tubers on stolons or runners from the stems. There are several varieties that vary in leaf colour, tuber colour and size and other characteristics.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Ethiopia it grows between 1,600-3,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are usually grown from tubers. It can also be grown from young sprouts from the tubers. Young plants can be transplanted.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The crop matures in 4-5 months after transplanting.

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