PLANT FACT SHEET

Aeschynomene afraspera J. Leonard

GENUS *Aeschynomene* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A herb or shrub. It grows 1-3 m tall. It has soft pithy stems. The leaves have 36-100 leaflets. The leaflets are 8-22 mm long by 1.5-3.5 mm wide. There are 2-4 flowers in the axils of leaves. The fruit is 5-9 cm long and dark. It can be slightly curved and has 6-10 joints. The seeds are brown and 6 mm long by 4 mm wide and 2 mm thick. They are curved up at one end.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in swampy places. It grows from sea level to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed. The hard seed coat needs to be broken. It can be grown from cuttings.

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