PLANT FACT SHEET

Vossia cuspidata (Roxb.) Griff.

GENUS *Vossia* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Hippo grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems

The stems are chewed.
The plant is burnt and the ashes used as a spice.

DESCRIPTION

A plant that keeps growing from year to year. It can be under the water or floating. The stalks are 7 m long. They are 1 cm across and are spongy. There are fibrous roots from the nodes. It stands 1-2 m out of the water. The leaf blades are 30-100 cm long by 6-19 mm wide. There are 1-12 flower stalks each 10-30 cm long. The spikelets do not have stalks.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in or near water. It is often floating. It is often in savannah regions.

NOTES

There is only one Vossia species.

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