PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea asteriscus Burkill

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Tubers

DESCRIPTION

A yam vine. The tuber are round. The stems are twining and 3 m long. The leaves are alternate and 14 cm long and broad. The leaf stalks are 8 cm long. There are bulbils or aerial tubers along the vin. These are an irregular and a flattened round shape. They are 5 cm across and deep purple. The seeds have wings at the base end.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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