PLANT FACT SHEET

Anchomanes difformis (Blume) Engl.

GENUS *Anchomanes* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Forest anchomanes, Savanna anchomanes

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Corm, Root

Caution: The tubers are only used in times of famine. They need extensive processing.
They are washed and fermented or boiled to get rid of the saponins and raphides.

DESCRIPTION

A large herb. It grows 2 m tall. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaf stalk is stout and has prickles. The plant grows 2 m high. The leaves are large and much divided. The bract around the flower is 20-25 cm long. The leaves arise from a tuber. The tuber is 80 cm long by 20 cm across. The fruit are red berries. The seeds are oval.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forest in West Africa. It grows in savannah woodland. It grows up to 1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from root cuttings.

PICTURES



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