PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceropegia fortuita R. A. Dyer

GENUS *Ceropegia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tubers

DESCRIPTION

A succulent vine. It grows 1.5 m high. It has a tuberous root 5-15 cm wide. There can be secondary tubers. It has several very short stems. They are slender. There are only a few leaves. The leaf blade tapers to a triangle shaped point but is fattened below the middle. They are 1.5 cm long and wide. These carry a large number of flowers in groups of 1 or 2. The flowers are purple to green.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It needs lots of sun. In Swaziland it grows at low altitudes. It grows in hot river valleys.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Seeds should be sown fresh. It can also be grown from cuttings of the stem or from offsets of the tubers.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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