PLANT FACT SHEET

Rottboellia cochinchinensis (Lour.) Clayton

GENUS *Rottboellia* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Guinea fowl grass, Itch grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal, Grains

The seeds are cooked and eaten as a cereal.

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It is a robust annual plant. It is erect and can be 3 m high. The stems are stiff and have few branches. There are lumpy bristles near the base. There can be stilt roots. The leaves are flat and 1.8 cm wide. They taper to a long fine point. There are sharp spiny hairs along the edges. The spike is simple, straight and 15 cm long. The spikelets are pressed closely.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in disturbed land and waste places but also forms extensive grasslands across West Africa. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are 4 Rottboellia species.

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