PLANT FACT SHEET

Monascus purpureus Went

GENUS *Monascus* **FAMILY** Monascaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese red rice mould, Red brewers's yeast

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Mould, Fungus

The organism is used for the production of Chinese red rice giving it colour and flavour. It is used to cook chicken.
It is used for making fermented foods and preserving meat.

DESCRIPTION

A yeast.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

NOTES

It probably has anticancer properties.

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