PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea pierrei Prain & Burkill

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

COMMON NAMES Water yam

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

The tubers are watery. They can be cooked and eaten or used for drinks in the forest.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. It is a vine. It can grow 15 m long. It has scattered prickles. There is one tuber and it can be 30-35 cm long and 8 cm across. The stems twine to the left. The leaves are alternate and have 3-5 leaflets. The flowers hang down. The fruit capsule is 14-25 mm long by 9-13 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow on sandstone and limestone. It grows in forests between sea level and 250 m above sea level.

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