PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea smilacifolia De Wild. et Th. Durand

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

Caution: The tuber needs careful preparation.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. The tubers keep developing from year to year. The vines are spiny and grow 4 m high. The twine right handed. There can be bulbils along the vines.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in secondary clearings in rainforest in Congo. It suits humid locations.

NOTES

There are about 650 species of Dioscorea.

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