PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea preussii Pax

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

COMMON NAMES Preuss' dioscorea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The tubers are eaten in times of famine.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. The vines can be 30 m long. There are 1 or 2 tubers. They are 2 cm wide and 50 cm long. These extend downwards into the soil and become fatter with depth.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in secondary clearings in rainforest in Congo. It suits humid locations. It grows in woodland savannah, along rivers and in palm groves.

NOTES

There are about 650 species of Dioscorea.

PICTURES



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