PLANT FACT SHEET

Smilax verticalis Gagnepain

GENUS *Smilax* **FAMILY** Smilacaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root - medicine

DESCRIPTION

A vine or climbing shrub. It grows 30-200 cm tall. The stems can have several branches and they can have fine prickles. The leaves are alternate and narrowly oval. They can vary in shape. The fruit are berries 0.8 mm wide and they turn red when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It has been recorded between 340-400 m and grows up to 1,000m above sea level.

NOTES

Rhizomes and leaves are used in folk medicine.

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