PLANT FACT SHEET

Potamogeton crispus L.

GENUS *Potamogeton* **FAMILY** Potamogetonaceae

COMMON NAMES Curly Pondweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root

The leaves and roots are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb which grows under water. It extends about 2-8 m across. It has underground stems or rhizomes. There are also trailing stems which are flattened and 4 m long. The leaves are alternate. The leaves are 2.5-10 cm long by 0.5-1.5 cm wide. They are narrowly oblong. They do not have a stalk. They are thin and deep green. The edges have fine teeth and are wavy. The flower spikes are 0.8-2 cm long.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and warm temperate regions. It grows in ponds and dams and slow flowing waterways. It grows in wetlands. It can tolerate very low salinity. It grows best in water more than 50 cm deep. It tolerates cold water. It grows best when water temperatures are above 15°C. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed, cuttings or division.

NOTES

There are about 100 Potamogeton species.

PICTURES



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