PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea floribunda M. Martens & Galeotti

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

The tubers are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. It keeps growing from year to year. It has a tuberous rootstock and produces annual stems or vines. These twine to the left.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist forest up to 1,500 m above sea level. It is best in places where the annual day temperatures are between 25°-30°C. It is best with an annual rainfall between 900-1,200 mm but grows in areas with higher and lower rainfall. It is best in a sunny position with a fertile, well-drained soil

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Tubers take 3-4 years to develop.

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