PLANT FACT SHEET

Etlingera brevilabrum (Valeton) R. M. Sm.

GENUS *Etlingera* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Topus etlingera

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Spice

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. It grows 5 m tall. It has an aroma. The rhizomes are creeping and 1 m long. The false stems are grouped closely together. The leaf stalks are 3-4 cm long. The leaves are sword shaped and taper to a short tip. The leaves have purple-red blotches. The flowering shoots are without leaves and come from the base. They are 50 cm long. The flower bracts are shiny, red and waxy. The flowers are tube shaped and red. The fruit is a round capsule 2 cm across. There are many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Kalimantan. It grows in primary and secondary forests and marshy or mixed dipterocarp forest up to 1,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or by division of the rhizome.

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