PLANT FACT SHEET

Lepironia articulata (Retz.) Domin.

GENUS *Lepironia* **FAMILY** Cyperaceae

COMMON NAMES Grey sedge

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Rhizomes, Tubers, Root

The woody underground stems or rhizomes are baked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A sedge plant which grows in water. It has underground stems or rhizomes. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 3 m tall. The stems are almost round, hollow and divided into sections. The leaves are reduced to scales. The flowering shoot is a dense oval spike. It is 3 cm long by 1 cm wide. The glumes or bracts overlap. The spikelets occur singly. The nut is compressed and smooth.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in swamps and on the edges of ponds. In Fiji it occurs near swamps at 600-900 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed sown onto waterlogged soil. It can be grown by dividing a clump.

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