PLANT FACT SHEET

Vanilla albida Blume

GENUS *Vanilla* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES White vanilla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have a sweet taste and can be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing plant. The stems are 3 m long. They are fleshy and have internodes 5-10 cm long. The fleshy leaves are along the stem. They are sword shaped and alternate. There are 6-12 flowers in a group. They have a triangle shaped bract. The flowers are 7.5 cm long. The fruit are curved cylinder shaped pods 10 cm long. They have oval seeds 1.5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests on rocks by waterfalls. It grows up to 1,200 m above sea level.

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