PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Clinacanthus nutans* (Burm.f.) Lindau

**GENUS** *Clinacanthus* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Sabah snake grass

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves, Leaves - tea

## DESCRIPTION

A herb or shrub. It grows 1 m tall. The leaves are oval or sword shaped and 7-12 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. They are hairy when young. There can be teeth along the edge. The flowers are near the top of the plant. They are dull red with a green base. They are tube shaped and 6 cm across. The fruit is an oval capsule 2 cm long. There are up to 4 seeds.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dipterocarp forests and also in savannah up to 700 m above sea level. In XTBG Yunnan.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

## NOTES

There is only one (3) Clinacanthus species. It is used in medicine.

## PICTURES



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