PLANT FACT SHEET

Gigantochloa hasskarliana (Kurz) Backer ex K. Heyne

GENUS *Gigantochloa* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Pingit bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots are cooked and eaten. They are eaten as a side dish with rice or used in soups and stews.

DESCRIPTION

A slender bamboo. It has many tillers. It grows 6-10 m tall. The stems are thin and green. The tops are drooping. The nodes are swollen and have a ring of hairs around them. The joints are 35-50 cm long. The stems are 3-5 cm across. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped and have short stalks. The base is wedge shaped and they tape to the tip. They are 15-45 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flowers are on top of leafy stalks.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Java it grows in the lower mountain forests. It is usually in slightly shady places. It grows up to 200 m above sea level.

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