PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea triloba L.

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Kangkong bulu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Tuber, Root

The young leaves are cooked mixed with other vegetables.

DESCRIPTION

A creeping and twining herb. It has milky sap. The leaves can be entire or have 3 lobes. The leaf stalks are long. The flowers occur in small clusters in the axils of leaves. The flower is funnel shaped and pink or purple. The fruit is a capsule which opens by 4 valves. There are 4 seeds inside. The seed are 3.5 cm across. They have a smooth dull surface. They are mottled black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally along roadsides and hedges.

NOTES

There are about 500 Ipomoea species.

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