PLANT FACT SHEET

Arcangelisia gusanlung Lo

GENUS *Arcangelisia* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

COMMON NAMES Gu shan long

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

CAUTION Many related plants are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A large woody vine. It is up to 10 m long. The stems and old branches are grey. They have lines along them. The leaves have stalks which are shorter than the leaf blade. The leaf blade is leathery and oval. It is 8-13 cm long by 6-9.5 cm wide. It is cup shaped near the tip. Male flowers are usually on old stems. The male flower parts are in 3 rings.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests in Hainan in China.

NOTES

There are 4 Arcangelisia species. They occur in SE Asia. The stems are used in medicine. They have anticancer properties.

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