PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea sterilis O. Weber & Wilkin

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

The tubers are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. The vine is 10 m long. The stem twines to the left. It has a fleshy tuber. The tubers are 60 cm long. The leaves are alternate. They can be 9 cm long and 7 cm wide. They are broadly oval.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in deciduous forests on limestone. It grows between 100-900 m altitude.

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