PLANT FACT SHEET

Vigna unguiculata subsp. unguiculata

GENUS *Vigna* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Horse-gram of Madras, Catjang bean, Catjang pea, Cowpea, Indian cowpea, Marble pea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Seedpod, Leaves

The seeds are eaten.
The young pods are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

An annual climbing herb. It grows 7-13 m long. It has erect pods. The pods are 8-20 cm long and 5 mm wide. The seeds are oblong. They are 5-6 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

NOTES

There are about 150 Vigna species. They are mostly in the tropics.

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