PLANT FACT SHEET

Piper cubeba L. f.

GENUS *Piper* **FAMILY** Piperaceae

COMMON NAMES Pepper Cubeb, Java pepper, Tailed pepper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Herb, Spice

The dried berry is used as a spice. The oil is used for flavouring foods.
It is the source of oleoresin oil used in pickles, meat sauces and bitters.

DESCRIPTION

A vine or climber. The leaves are oval or oblong. The female fruit spikes are 3.5-4 cm long. The fruits are berries. They are 2.5 mm across. They are like a black pepper with a stalk.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are between 1000-2000 Piper species. They are mostly in the tropics.

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