PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Acroceras amplectens* Stapf.

**GENUS** *Acroceras* **FAMILY** Poaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Jajeo

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves, Seeds, Cereal, Vegetable

The seeds are cooked as a cereal.

## DESCRIPTION

A grass. It is a scrambling annual plant. It grows 60-90 cm high. The lower stems can form roots at the nodes.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in marshy places and shallow water. It grows in palm groves and wet grass savannah.

## NOTES

There are 19 Acroceras species.

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