PLANT FACT SHEET

Schumannianthus dichotomus (Roxb.) Gagnep.

GENUS *Schumannianthus* **FAMILY** Marantaceae

COMMON NAMES Mohtra reed, Sitalpati plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Rhizome, Root

The rhizome is boiled and eaten.
The leaves are packed together with boiled soybeans to make a fermented food.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has rhizomes or underground stems. The above ground stems are glossy green and erect. They can be 3-5 m tall and 2 cm across. The stems are leafy and branched.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in swamp forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from rhizomes. It can also be grown from branch cuttings.

PICTURES



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