PLANT FACT SHEET

Schizostachyum diffusum (Blanco) Merr.

GENUS *Schizostachyum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Bikal

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The freshly cut stems store good quality drinking water.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing bamboo with far reaching branches. The stems are green, smooth and without thorns. The internodes are 12 to 20 cm long. The nodes are slanted and swollen. Roots do not form from the nodes. The leaves are usually broad rounded at the base and the mouth of the leaf sheaths have long bristly hairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Widely distributed in the forests throughout the Philippines. It grows in primary forests between 200-1,200 m above sea level in Taiwan.

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