PLANT FACT SHEET

Hydropuntia edulis (S. G. Gmelin) Silva

GENUS *Hydropuntia* **FAMILY** Gracilariaceae

COMMON NAMES Ceylon moss

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Algae, Seaweed

This algae is used for making porridge and for preparing a drink called Kanji.
The agar is extracted and used for jellies.
It can be boiled for about 5 minutes and used as a vegetable with a meat dish.
It is used in soups and jelly and also pickled.

DESCRIPTION

A seaweed. It has irregular branches and forms clumps. They can be 20 cm long. The branches are cylinder shaped or slightly flattened. They can be pink to purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on rocky shores. It grows just below the tidal zone and is on sheltered or slightly exposed shores.

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