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Psophocarpus scandens

[Synonyms : *Diesingia scandens*, *Mucuna comorensis*, *Psophocarpus longipedunculatus*,
Stizolobium comorense]

TROPICAL AFRICAN WINGED BEAN is a climbing perennial. It is native to tropical Africa (especially Senegal).

It is also known as *Dâu rông rach* (Vietnamese), *Jaat monyet* (Sundanese), and *Kecipir monyet* (Javanese).

Scandens is derived from Latin *scandere* (climbing) meaning ‘climbing or twining’.

The bean is cultivated locally for the leaf shoots that are eaten as a vegetable.

Authorities on south-eastern Asia believe the region primarily appreciates it as a shade or cover plant and a source of green manure, then as a root vegetable or provider of beans.