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A Tough Creeping Weed, *Epipremnum giganteum* (Roxb) Schott (Araceae) in an Oil Palm Estate near Sepang – Plant Description and Management

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Recently a creeping aroid weed (identified as Epipremnum giganteum) has been found to colonise large patches of inter-row areas in sheet form frequently encroaching into the palm circles and planting strips. In many palms, it has successfully climbed up the trunk becoming tough epiphytes. Serious loss in crop can occur from the failure to harvest many FFB and also many loose fruits in the palm base are not collected due to obstruction from its encroachment. This paper discusses briefly this aroid plant (with pictorial identification) and its management.

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