PLANT FACT SHEET

Myrsine cheesemanii (Hemsl. ex Mez) Fosberg & Sachet

GENUS *Myrsine* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Cook Islands myrsine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3 m tall. The stems are brittle. The leaves are alternate a narrow oval shaped. They are 10 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are a shiny dark green. They taper to the base and have a tip at the end. The flowers are very small and on the branches. The fruit are small and round and 1 cm across. They turn purple when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows between 100-550 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

REFERENCES

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