PLANT FACT SHEET

Cereus fernambucensis Lem.

GENUS *Cereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Jumbeba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen cactus. It grows in clumps and the stems are creeping. The clumps can be 40 cm tall and 4-5 m wide. The fruit are purple to red and oval. They are 6-7 cm long. The seeds are black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along the coast near the beach. It needs a sunny position and a well-drained soil. It suits an acid soil. It is drought tolerant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

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