PLANT FACT SHEET

Dendrosicyos socotranus Balf.f.

GENUS *Dendrosicyos* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Cucumber tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A somewhat succulent shrub. The trunk can be 3 m tall and almost 1 m wide. The leaves are 25 cm long and wide. The leaves are almost round and have fine bristles. They are slightly toothed. The flowers are in the axils of the leaves. The plant has both male and female flowers and they are yellow. They are 3 cm wide. The fruit are 3 cm wide by 5 cm long. They are green but turn red when ripe. The seeds are about 6 mm wide.

HABITAT

It grows in the desert or dry shrubland. It grows from sea level to 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

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