PLANT FACT SHEET

Balanites roxburghii Planch.

GENUS *Balanites* **FAMILY** Zygophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Desert date

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - medicine

The pulp of the fruit is eaten. They are bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A spiny tree. It grows 9 m tall. The leaves have leaflets. The flowers are greenish white. They are small and have a scent. The fruit pods are 4.5 cm long by 2.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in open sandy places. It grows up to 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The seeds are soaked in water for several hours before planting.

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