PLANT FACT SHEET

Salacia leptoclada Tul.

GENUS *Salacia* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Sand lemon rope

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper or liane. Although often only 4 m long it can grow 25 m long. The stem often has 2 raised lines. The leaves are opposite or alternate on climbing shoots. The fruit has a sweet edible pulp. The leaf is dark green but more pale underneath. They are 5-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. They are narrowly sword shaped and taper to the tip. The flowers are in groups of 1-5 in the axils of leaves. They are 5-7 mm across and contain both sexes. The sepals are green with red edges and the petals are yellowish. The fruit are orange to red. They are round and 1-2 cm across. There are 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in coastal regions in West Africa. It grows between 200-915 m above sea level. It grows in the lowlands. In Tanzania it grows between 100-2,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are collected during the rainy season.

NOTES

It has anti-inflammatory properties.

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