PLANT FACT SHEET

Disterigma acuminatum (Kunth) Nied.

GENUS *Disterigma* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw and also used for jams.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. The branches are 2 m long and hang down. The bark cracks in long strips. The leaves are alternate and leathery. The flowers are in groups in the axils of the leaves. The fruit is white and lets light through.

HABITAT

It is a cool temperate tropical plant. It grows at 2,000-3,700 m above sea level.

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