PLANT FACT SHEET

Sesamum eriocarpum (Decne) Byng & Christenh.

GENUS *Sesamum* **FAMILY** Pedaliaceae

COMMON NAMES Large devil's thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

The leaves are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb that lies along the ground. It has stems 1.5 m long. The leaves are blue-green above and silvery white underneath. They are in opposite pairs. The leaves have irregular coarse teeth along the edges. The leaves are almost heart shaped. The flowers are pink and have darker markings on the lower lobes. They are about 3.5 cm long. They have 2 lips and 3 short lobes with a longer lobe underneath. The fruit is oval and flattened. It is 1.3 cm long. It has 2 sharp thorns on a ridge along the middle.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in loose, sandy soil. It grows between 900-1,200 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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