PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyphostemma serpens (Hochst. ex A. Rich.) Desc.

GENUS *Cyphostemma* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

COMMON NAMES Alango, Obwombwe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A trailing or climbing herb. It can grow 2 m long and form mats. It can have tendrils. The rootstock is swollen and woody. It is 30 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. The stems are green and flushed red at the nodes. The fruit are round and red and in clusters.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in grassland and seasonally flooded areas. It grows between 500 and 2,250 m above sea level.

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