PLANT FACT SHEET

Harrisia tetracantha (Labour.) D. R. Hunt

GENUS *Harrisia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Pasacana, Ulala

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is shrubby or tree-like. It usually branches above the ground. It grows 1.5-6 m high. The stems are blue-grey and 6 cm across. It has large spines. They are 3-8 cm long. There is one central spine and 4-7 radial spines. The flowers come out at night. They are white. They have a perfume. They are 15-18 cm long. The fruit is round and 4-5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PICTURES



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