PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium padifolium Sm.

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Madeiran whortleberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can be 2 m high. The leaves are sword shaped and 4 cm long by 1.2 cm wide. The leaves remain on the tree for a long time. They turn purple-red. The flowers are in stalked groups. They are bell shaped and green with a pink tinge. The fruit are round blue berries 8-12 mm across.

HABITAT

It is native to Madiera Island in the mountains between 300-900 m altitude. It grows in temperate and subtropical regions.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from cuttings of firm shoots of the current year's growth.

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