PLANT FACT SHEET

Cereus pernambucensis Lem.

GENUS *Cereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Jumbeba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It can be erect or lean over. It grows 1 m tall and the stems are 15 cm across. There is one central spine and 6 spines around it. These can be 5 cm long. The flowers do not have spines but they have scales. The flowers are white and 25 cm long. The fruit are narrowly oval. They are purplish red When ripe the fruit split open revealing the white pulp. The seeds are black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are 40 Cereus species in South America.

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