PLANT FACT SHEET

Cereus hystrix Salm-Dyck.

GENUS *Cereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Spanish dildo

DESCRIPTION

An organ-pipe or tree like cactus. It grows 3-5 m tall. The stems are erect and column shaped and usually unbranched. There are several stems about 12 cm across with 9-12 ridges or grooves along them. There are spreading slender sharp spines. These are in clusters on the ridges and can be 3-4 cm long. The flowers are large and funnel shaped and red/ They are 10-12 cm long and occur singly near the ends of the branches. The petals are spreading and white or pink. The fruit is a round, spiny red berry. It is 3 cm across and juicy and edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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