PLANT FACT SHEET

Neowerdermannia vorwerkii Fric

GENUS *Neowerdermannia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Achacana

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Plant, Root

The root of the cactus is peeled, cooked and eaten like potatoes.

DESCRIPTION

A small spherical cactus. It is dark grey-green. It grows 6-10 cm wide. There are 16 or more ribs. They are divided into distinct triangle shaped lumps. The spine buds are below these and have 1-3 spines in the centre and about 10 spines around. They are curved. The flowers are white or pink. They are 18-20 mm long and across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Bolivia between 3,000-4,000 m altitude. In Argentina it grows between 3,500-4,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is an at risk species.

REFERENCES

Anderson, E.F., 2001, The Cactus Family, Timber Press. p 58, 483

Kaktusar 1:85. 1930

Lim, T. K., 2015, Edible Medicinal and Non Medicinal Plants. Volume 9, Modified Stems, Roots, Bulbs. Springer p 57

Plant Ecology - Reviews of Research. 1955, Arid Zone Research VI. UNESCO p 97

Wiersema, J. H. & Leon, B., 2013, World Economic Plants. A Standard Reference CRC Press. 2nd Ed. p 465

World Checklist of Useful Plant Species 2020. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/901dcf73-f273-4f2e-a050-128e6b9d11f0