PLANT FACT SHEET

Randia echinocarpa Moc. & Sesse ex DC.

GENUS *Randia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Pickle fruit randia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Bark

The fruit are eaten raw.
The bark is chopped, ground and boiled and used as a catalyst for making alcoholic drinks. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. The plant has spines in groups of four at the ends of the branches. It can lose its leaves during the dry season. The flowers are white or pale yellow. The fruit are round. The ripe fruit are yellow with small flat seeds in a black pulp.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry thickets on hillsides. It grows at low to medium altitudes. It grows between 50-1,700 m above sea level. It grows in open locations.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower in July.

NOTES

The fruit has antioxidant properties.

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