PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Solanum caripense* Dunal

**GENUS** *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Tzimbalo, Pepino lloron

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They can be made into preserves.

## DESCRIPTION

A climbing or sprawling plant. It grows 2 m long. The fruit is round and 3 cm across. They are like pepino.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on wooded slopes and along streams. It grows between 800-3,800 m above sea level. It can tolerate light frosts.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants produce fruit within 1-2 years from seed.

## NOTES

There are about 1400 Solanum species. It will form hybrids with the pepino Solanum muricatum.

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