PLANT FACT SHEET

Airampoa ayrampo (Azara) Doweld

GENUS *Airampoa* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Ayrampo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - food colouring, Seeds - dye, Fruit

The dried seeds when placed in water produce a violet dye used to colour jellies, wines and other foods. The small fruit are occasionally eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is often a creeping plant and can lie along the ground. It develops roots from the edge of the growth. The stem segments are flattened. They are 6 cm long and can be curved or lumpy. There are many groups of spines. There can be 5-8 spines in a group and they can be 7 cm long. The flowers are yellow and 5.5 cm long. The fruit are 2.5 cm long. They have some spines.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

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