PLANT FACT SHEET

Hydnora esculenta Jumelle & H. Perrier

GENUS *Hydnora* **FAMILY** Aristolochiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit has a pleasant flavour and is eaten. The white pulp has a sour taste.

DESCRIPTION

A plant that grows as a parasite attached to other plants. It is not green - not having any chlorophyll or leaves. It looks like a fungus. It grows on the roots of trees especially Acacias. The flowers are the only part visible above the ground the the fruti is formed underground. The fruit is 10-15 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the almost arid lowland tropics. It grows below 500 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the family Hydnoraceae.

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