PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis anguria var. longipes L. A. Meeuse

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES West Indian gherkin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The young leaves are boiled as a potherb.
Fruit can be bitter. Less bitter ones are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It can lie along the ground or be a climber. Male and female flowers are separate on the same plant. The fruit are longer than the variety anguria.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sandy soils. It grows between 200-1,500 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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