PLANT FACT SHEET

Stenocereus griseus (Haworth) Buxbaum

GENUS *Stenocereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Pitaya, Candle cactus, Grey stenocereus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a treelike plant. It has a clear trunk and branches above. It can be 6-9 m high. The stems are green and erect. They are 9-12 cm across. There are 6-10 ribs. They bulge below each spine bud. There are 1-3 central spines and 6-11 around them. The flowers open at night. They are funnel shaped and white. They are 10 cm long. The fruit are oblong. The fruit are 5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal regions in Venezuela. It can grow in arid places.

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