PLANT FACT SHEET

Agave mapisaga Trel.

GENUS *Agave* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Maguey mapisaga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Heart - drink, Leaves - flavouring, Flowers

Used for fresh drinks and fermented drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A plant that has rows of leaves. The leaves are narrow and have small spines.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is cultivated in central Mexico. It needs full sun and has good heat tolerance. It suits temperature zones 9b-10. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

As the plant approaches flowering the leaves are cut off and the centre is harvested and crushed to produce a fermented drink.

NOTES

There are about 250 Agave species. The Agavaceae are mostly in the tropics and subtropics.

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