PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyamopsis senegalensis Guill. et Perr.

GENUS *Cyamopsis* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Guar, Cluster Bean

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A bean family herb. It grows 50 cm tall. It is hairy. The leaves have 3-7 leaflets. The leaflets are oblong and usually wider below the middle. They are 5 cm long and 9 mm wide. The flowers are in groups of 5-25. The flowering groups are 12 cm long. The fruit is an erect pod 4-6 cm long. The valves twist as the pod opens. There are 7-9 seeds. The seeds are grey and square. They are 3.5 mm long and flattened.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows up to 800 m above sea level in Africa.

NOTES

There are 2 or 3 Cyamopsis species.
It is the probably parent of Guar bean.

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