PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis melo var. momordica (Roxb.) Duthie & J.B. Fuller

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Snap melon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

Young fruit are cooked as a vegetable.
Ripe fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a climber. The leaves are almost round and with lobes. The flowers are yellow. The fruit vary in shape. They can be oval or long. They usually become orange when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in Nepal up to about 250 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seeds are put 1 cm deep and a spacing of 1 m by 2 m.

NOTES

There are about 25 Cucumis species.

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