PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Cucumis sacleuxii* Pailleux & Bois

**GENUS** *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Mandera cucumber

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves

Young fruit are pickled.

## DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a climbing plant. The stems are 1 m long. They have long bristly hairs amongst shorter finer hairs. The leaves are broadly oval to heart shaped and densely hairy. There are teeth around the edge. The leaves are 3-9 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. They have 5-7 lobes spread like fingers on a hand. The central lobe is largest. Male and female flowers are separate. The fruit is oval and 7-8 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. They are green with yellow stripes.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,200 m above sea level.

## NOTES

There are about 25 Cucumis species.

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