PLANT FACT SHEET

Oxypetalum balansae Malme

GENUS *Oxypetalum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A climbing plant. It grows 3 m tall. The leaves are heart shaped and taper to a tip. They are 4-6 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flowers have 5 long narrow lobes. The fruit are 6-9 cm long by 2.5-3 cm wide. They have many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in seasonally dry areas.

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