PLANT FACT SHEET

Selenicereus purpusii (Weing.) S. Arias & N. Korotkova ex Hunt

GENUS *Selenicereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It can climb 4-8 m tall. The flowers are very large. They are white and 25 cm long. The fruit are bright red and oblong with large scales. The fruit are 10-15 cm long. The flesh is red with small black seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the dry tropics.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit weigh 150-400 g.

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