PLANT FACT SHEET

Salvadora oleoides Decne.

GENUS *Salvadora* **FAMILY** Salvadoraceae

COMMON NAMES Tooth brush tree, Common perun

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - oil

The sweet fruit are dried and also eaten raw. They are also used for chutney and for jam.

DESCRIPTION

A bush or small tree. It grows about 5 m tall. It is gnarled and twisted. The bark is pale grey and can be rough and warty. The leaves are narrow and olive like. They are in opposite pairs on short stalks. They can be 10 cm long and are smooth and grey-green. The flowers are small and greenish-white. They are in compact clusters without stalks. They are in the axils of leaves. The fruit is small and yellowish. They are one seeded berries. They become red-brown when dry. They are sweet.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It will grow in arid and slightly salty soils. It grows in dry watercourses and rocky depressions.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India the fruit are available from November to April.

NOTES

The fruit are a rich source of calcium.

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