PLANT FACT SHEET

Olea europaea subsp. guanchica P. Vargas, J. Hess. Munoz Garm. & Kadereit

GENUS *Olea* **FAMILY** Oleaceae

COMMON NAMES Canarian wild olive

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are prepared in brine (Salt water).

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-6 m tall but can be 12 m tall. The trunk can be 60 cm across. The leaves are 2-5 cm long and 4-15 mm wide. They are dull green above and pale green underneath. The fruit are 0.7-1.5 cm long and they are red-purple but turn black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

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