PLANT FACT SHEET

Adenia venenata Forssk.

GENUS *Adenia* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable, Fruit

CAUTION: Most Adenia are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent vine with a swollen base. This swollen part is green or purple and can be 1.5 m long and 15 cm across. Vines are produced from the top of this swollen organ. The vines can grow several metres long. They have tendrils for support. The leaves are lobed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It will not tolerate frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 95 Adenia species. They are common in the semiarid regions of Africa.

PICTURES



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