PLANT FACT SHEET

Capparis erythrocarpus Isert

GENUS *Capparis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Ong'ono, Apana

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen scrambling shrub. It grows 3 m of more high. The stems are dark green. They have small hooked thorns. The leaves are oval and 8 cm long. They are glossy and dark green. They taper to the tip. The flower petals are light green. The stamens are white but red at the base. The fruit are narrowly oval and red. They are 5 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are ribbed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest, savannah and along the edges of rivers. It can be on the edge of mangroves. It needs an average, well-drained soil. It needs full sun. In Ethiopia it grows between 500-1,670 m above sea level. It suits plant hardiness zones 10-12.

NOTES

There are about 250 Capparis species. There are about 50 Capparis species in tropical America.

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