PLANT FACT SHEET

Empogona ovalifolia (Hiern) Tosh & Robbr.

GENUS *Empogona* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-6 m tall. The flowering branches are moderately stout. The leaves are oval and 4-13 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. They are more pale underneath. The flowers have 5 parts. The fruit are round and 5-8 mm long by 5-9 mm wide. They are black when ripe. There are 3-7 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in scrub and on sandy soils. It grows from sea level to 450 m above sea level. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Madagascar it flowers October to January and fruits January to December.

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