PLANT FACT SHEET

Selenicereus monacanthus (Hook.) Britton & Rose

GENUS *Selenicereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Pitahaya

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw and used for juice.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. A sprawling, climbing plant. It has many branches. It can grow in the soil and attached to other plants. It can be several metres long. The stems have 2-4 angles. They are dark green but become whitish with age. They are 0.5-2 m long and 3-10 cm wide. The ribs are smooth or wavy. There are 2-6 spines which bulbs at their base. They are needle like and straight and 2-10 mm long. The flowers can be single or in clusters. They are white and 25-31 cm long by 25-30 cm across. The flower tubes can be straight or curved. The fruit are narrowly oval and red. They are 7-10 cm long. They have a white pulp with black seeds.

Probably now Selenicereus monacanthus

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can be grown in full sun.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are 18-24 Hylocereus species.

PICTURES



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