PLANT FACT SHEET

Bromelia chrysantha Jacq.

GENUS *Bromelia* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

COMMON NAMES Mayo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw and used for drinks and jam.

DESCRIPTION

A herb without a stem. The leaves are in a tuft and 60-90 cm long. They are bright green on the upper side. They have large hooked spines. The flower stalk is 30 cm long. The flowers are yellow and in loose groups. They are hairy. The fruit is yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from suckers. It can be grown as a hedge.

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