PLANT FACT SHEET

Chomelia spinosa Jacq.

GENUS *Chomelia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Spiny chomelia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-6 m tall. It has straight spines. Leaves are opposite. They are 4-9 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are egg shaped with a pointed tip. The flowers are cream to white. They have a scent. The fruit are green and black when ripe. They are 6-9 mm long by 3-6 mm wide. There are 2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows as an understorey plant is seasonally dry forests. It grows from sea level to 400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central America plants fruit May to December.

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