PLANT FACT SHEET

Stenocereus pruinosus (Otto) Buxbaum

GENUS *Stenocereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Pitaya, Pitayo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw and used for juice and ice cream.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is treelike with a few branches. It grows 4-5 m high. It has a distinct trunk and dark green stems. These are 8-12 cm across and have 5-8 ribs. These are high and have wavy edges. There are 1-4 central spines and these are 2-3 cm long. There are 5-8 spines around these and they spread out and are 1-2 cm long. The flowers open during the day and night. They are funnel shaped and white. They are 9 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is used as a hedge.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants fruit after 5-10 years.

PICTURES



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