PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Harpagophytum procumbens (Burch.) DC. ex Meisn.

GENUS *Harpagophytum* **FAMILY** Pedaliaceae

COMMON NAMES Grapple, Devil's claw

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has a succulent taproot. The stems are 2 m long and grow each year from the taproot. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are 6.5 cm long by 4 cm wide. They have lobes. The flowers are tube shaped and 5-6 cm long. They are purple with a white centre. The fruit have hooks that attached to other objects and enable it to spread.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It grows from seed.

NOTES

It is used as medicine.

REFERENCES

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