PLANT FACT SHEET

Opuntia lagunae Baxter ex Bravo

GENUS *Opuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexico prickly-pear cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized cactus. It grows 1 m tall. The leaves are flattened and oval shaped. They are grey green and have white spine 3 cm long. The flowers have yellow petals. They are 7 cm wide. The fruit is 7 cm long. It is deep red and sweet.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mountain ranges in full sun or light shade. It is drought tolerant and grows up to 2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

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