PLANT FACT SHEET

Ditaxis heterantha Zucc.

GENUS *Ditaxis* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Azafran

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seed - flavouring

An extract from the oil rich seeds is used to colour and flavour other foods.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3 m tall. The leaves are alternate and 4-8 cm long. They are white and hairy on top. The flowers are small and pale yellow. The fruit is green and has 3 lobes. The seeds are dull brown and 3-5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in semi-arid areas.

NOTES

It is used as a saffron substitute.

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