PLANT FACT SHEET

Eulychnia castanea Phil.

GENUS *Eulychnia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Copao de Philippi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent and tree-like cactus. The stems grow 1-2 m tall and are 6-8 mm across. The stems are cylinder shaped and they have yellow to brown spines. The flowers are white to pink. They can be in dense clusters. The fruit are round and yellow and covered with spines.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It suits the desert and dry shrubland. It grows up to 50 m above sea level.

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