

Cyphostemma laza Descoings

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Stricking vine with a stout trunk.



Description

Stature: Caudiciform vine, conical trunk when mature.

Size: Up to 5m

Bark: Pale, peeling

Leaves: Light green with 7-9 lanceolate leaflets.

Flower: Small (2.5 mm diam), brownish-green on 8cm long inflorescences.

Fruit: Berry, spherical (1.2cm diameter), rather grape-like, black-purple when ripe.

Seed: 1seed (0.6-1 x 0.6-0.7 cm).

Similar life-form: see *Adenia* spp.

Vitaceae

Striking features

- conical trunk to 2 m.



Ecology

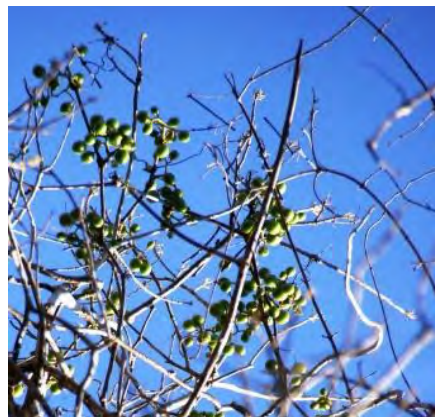
Status and distribution: Endemic to the western coast of Madagascar. Thought to be widely distributed but generally occurring at low densities.

Habitat requirements:

Phenology:

Kirindy:

Reproduction:



Uses

Horticultural plant. Until 2006 mature plants were exported in large numbers. In 2012 a proposal was made to include *Cyphostemma laza* in CITES Appendix II.

Sources and further information

General:

Botanical description: Descoings (1962), Flore de Madagascar No 124.

Forestry:

Kirindy: . .

Herbarium specimen:

