

Opuntia ficus-indica

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Caryophyllales	Cactacea

Common name

Synonym

Similar species

Summary



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Principal source:

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ALIEN RANGE

[1] GIBRALTAR

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Red List assessed species 5: CR = 4; EN = 1;

[Aeonium gomerense](#) EN

[Cheirolophus crassifolius](#) CR

[Cremnophyton lanfrancoi](#) CR

[Helichrysum melitense](#) CR

[Medicago citrina](#) CR

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Management information

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GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: *Opuntia ficus-indica*

General information

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