

# *Opuntia ficus-indica*

## Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]:

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Phanerophyte, Shrub**

## Flower

Flowering period: **April-July**

## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Seed mass [mg]: **2.26**

Dispersal mode: **Endozoochory, Anthropochory**

Dispersal distance class: **6, 7**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

## Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **Neophyte**

## Ecology

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.62**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.59**

Disturbance severity: **0.73**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.42**

Mowing frequency: **0.09**

Grazing pressure: **0.31**

Soil disturbance: **0.22**

## Habitat and sociology

EUNIS habitat

Diagnostic species of EUNIS habitats: [S64 Macaronesian garrigue](#), [T3E](#)

[Macaronesian Juniperus forest](#)

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [T3E Macaronesian Juniperus forest](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Coastal cliff, Scrub, Forest, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**