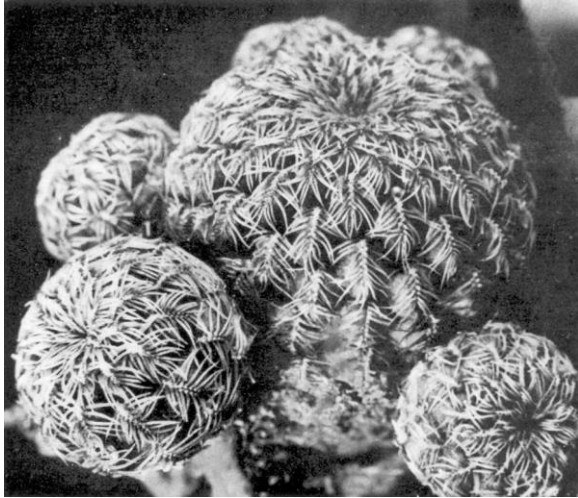

Sulcorebutia mizquensis Rausch

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In many places where **Sulcorebutias** grow, you might sometimes discover a plant of which it is impossible to say whether it is a known species or a new species.

So, in 1965 we (at the time my companion was Ing. Markus) have found in Mizque in Bolivia, a small **Sulcorebutia** of which we could not say if it was **Sulcorebutia verticillacantha**, **taratensis**, **sucrensis** or any other species.

After some years of cultivation in the same conditions as these other mentioned species, that little plant from Mizque had kept its typical features, and that's why I described it as **Sulcorebutia mizquensis** in « Kakteen und Sukkulente, 1970 pages 102/103.

It is distinct from other species by its specific spination roof-like, with tiles stuck to the plant,

most of the time pointed downwards.

We wanted to collect some more specimens in the surrounding mountains, but in vain, because the only area where those plants grew was just a single mountain.

It grows there with some **Lobivia pojoensis** var. **grandiflora** and some **Parodia hausteiniana**, whose the growing area is limited to a small rock face.

Sulcorebutia mizquensis, with its limited distribution area and its small size, will not be easily collected again.

But fortunately, grafting provides loads of offsets and so that little plant, with its so specific appearance, will be a jewel in our collections.

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