PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga pezizifera Benth.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Red inga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: pod, Fruit, seeds - aril

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 35 m tall. The trunk can be 40 cm across. The crown is flat. Young branches have red hairs. The leaves have leaflets in 4 or 5 pairs. The leaf stalk has narrow wings. The flowers are in the axils of leaves in bundles of 5-7 groups. They are near the tips of young branches. The flowers are tuber shaped and have a sweet smell. The pod hangs down and is dark green. It is 18 cm long by 3 cm wide and 1.5 cm thick. It is swollen over the seeds. There are 16-18 seeds. They are 2 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are surrounded by a thick white pulp.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the wet lowlands. It grows in forests along roadsides and riverbanks.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants grow easily from fresh seeds. Seeds germinate in 1-2 weeks given moisture and shade. Plants can develop new shoots after the trunk has been cut.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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