PLANT FACT SHEET

Protium heptaphyllum (Aubl.) Marchand

GENUS *Protium* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Brasil resin tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds - aril, Resin

The aril or layer around the seed is eaten raw. To avoid the resin in the fruit wall, it should be eaten only after the fruit has split open.
The resin is used as a chewing gum.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 6-12 m high. The trunk is 30-40 cm across. The leaves are divided. There are 5 leaflets. The fruit is 2-3 cm long and 1.5 cm wide. It is red. There is one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows to 500 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 90-147 Protium species.

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