PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia acuminata Planch. & Triana

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit can be eaten raw. They are also used in jams, preserves and drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-15 m high. The trunk is 30-40 cm across. The leaves are opposite. They are simple and 25-30 cm long by 11-13 cm wide. They are oval and leathery. They taper to the tip. The flowers are white and in groups or 2-3. The fruit is oval and 4-6 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. There are 1-2 large seeds. They are 3-4 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia they grow above 600 m altitude and in rainfall of 1,200-1,500 mm per year. In Brazil it grows in the dryland forest of the Amazon. It occurs at 750 m altitude in Assam.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seeds are collected from ripe fruit. The fruit are stored in plastic bags to make it easier to remove the pulp. Fresh seeds are planted. They are put on their side in a shady nursery. Seeds emerge in 50-70 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a moderate rate.

NOTES

There are about 200 Garcinia species. They are in the tropics.

There may be some confusion due to different authorities over the synonym Garcinia elliptica.

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