PLANT FACT SHEET

Herrania nitida (Poepp.) R. E. Schult.

GENUS *Herrania* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Glossy herrania

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4 m tall. It has flowers and fruit on the trunk. The fruit are elongated pods with ridges. They are 11 cm long by 5 cm wide. They hang down. They are green when ripe and have a pointed tip. There are about 24 seeds in a sweet white pulp.

Possibly now Theobroma asperum.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on the highest parts of the floodplain in the Amazon. It grows in deep shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The flowers are pollinated by phorid flies.

NOTES

Also in the family Byttneriaceae and Sterculiaceae.

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