PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynometra ramiflora L.

GENUS *Cynometra* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Beach cynometra tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 26 m high. The leaves are compound and alternate. The leaf stalks are 3-20 mm long. There are 2-4 leaflets and these are 1.2-20 cm long by 2.5-7.5 cm wide. The fruit is a brown pod. It is 3.5-4.5 mm long and 2.2-2.5 cm wide. It is warty and has one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in swamps amongst the mangroves. It is best in humus-rich, moist, well-drained soils. It needs a protected, sunny position. It is damaged by frost or drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed. The seed needs to have its seed coat scratched or cut.

NOTES

There are about 20 Cynometra species. They occur in the tropics. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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