PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Sterculia mexicana R. Br.

GENUS *Sterculia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 40 m tall. The trunk is 1 m across. It has buttress roots. The leaves are alternate and compound. They have 7-8 oblong leaflets. These are 15-30 cm long. New leaves are red. The flowers are pink. They are in dense groups in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a capsule. It has irritating hairs.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed.

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