PLANT FACT SHEET

Mouriri guianensis Aubl.

GENUS *Mouriri* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Guianas mouriri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-9 m high. The crown is rounded, dense and low. The branches almost touch the ground. The trunk is short and 15-25 cm across. The leaves are simple and opposite. The blades are narrowly oval and taper to the tip. They are 3-9 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of the leaves. They can be white, red or yellow. The fruit is a round, red, smooth berry. It has a sweet pulp and 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on the flood plain in the Amazon.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plants are grown from seeds. The seeds are collected from ripe fruit by putting the fruit in a plastic bag to allow them to partly decompose and the seeds are washed under running water. The seeds should be planted fresh. They are best with light shade. The seedlings emerge in 40-50 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The plant grows slowly.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Memecylaceae.

PICTURES



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