PLANT FACT SHEET

Siphoneugena densiflora O. Berg.

GENUS *Siphoneugena* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Hoja menuda, Maria-preta, Murta, Uvatinga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-12 m tall. The trunk is short and crooked. The leaves are narrowly oval and taper to a long tip. They are papery and 4-14 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. They are white. The fruit is a smooth berry with sweet pulp. The fruit are 1 cm across. There are 1-4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mountains and rocky grasslands in semi-deciduous forests in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seeds are collected by shaking ripe fruit onto canvas then allowing the fruit to partly decompose so that the seeds can be washed out under running water. Seeds need to be planted fresh in light shade. Seedlings emerge in 30-40 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a moderate rate.

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