PLANT FACT SHEET

Mezilaurus itauba (Meisn.) Taub. ex Mez.

GENUS *Mezilaurus* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Itauba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit pulp is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A large evergreen tree. It grows 20-40 m tall. The crown is round. The trunk is 60-80 cm across. The fruit are an oval berry 2 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forest in sandy soils. It can grow in well-drained soils of low fertility. It grows in humid forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

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