PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Macropsychanthus comosus (G. Mey.) L.P.Queiroz & Snak

GENUS *Macropsychanthus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Marbles vine, Sea purse

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Seeds - oil

The seeds are used as thickening in soup.
Caution: The seeds have been shown to have mild antibacterial properties.

DESCRIPTION

A woody creeper or liana. It grows 6-15 m long. The stem is 3 cm across. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaf stalks are 407 cm long. The leaflets are narrowly oval and broad at the base and taper to a short tip. They are 6-14 cm long by 4-9 cm wide. The flowers are in groups 30 cm long. They are purple. The fruit are fairly stiff long pods. They are 12-18 cm long by 5-6 cm wide. They are slightly constricted between the seeds. There are 2-3 dark brown seeds. They are a flattened round shape and about 3 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in swamp forest near the coast and mangrove swamps. The seeds can float for 2 years and then still grow. It occurs throughout the tropics, near the sea.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

Seeds float almost worldwide.

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