PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga ruiziana G. Don

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Ruiz inga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: pod, Fruit - aril

The sweet pulp is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It is usually 10-15 m tall but can be 30 m tall. The leaves have leaflets in 4 or 5 pairs. The pair at the base are smaller. The young leaflets are hairy. The pods vary in size. They can be 7-22 cm long and 2-4 cm wide. They are yellow when fully ripe. The pods can be curved or straight.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in wet and moist lowland forests. It can also grow up to 2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants grow easily from fresh seeds. Seeds germinate in 1-2 weeks given moisture and shade.

NOTES

There are 350 Inga species. Also as Mimosaceae.

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