PLANT FACT SHEET

Mouriri crassifolia Sagot

GENUS *Mouriri* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Fleshy leaf mouriri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can grow up to 20 m altitude. The trunk is 20 cm across. The leaves are leathery and dark green and shiny above and more pale underneath. The leaves are 7-19 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. The flowering stalks are in the axils of leaves. There are 1-5 flowers on each. The flower petals are red above and yellow underneath. The fruit are a flattened round shape and yellow to red. They are about 2 cm high and wide. There are 2-6 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the primary forest above flood level. It is usually below 100 m altitude. It grows on sandy soils and clays.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Memecylaceae.

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