PLANT FACT SHEET

Parkia multijuga Bentham

GENUS *Parkia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Guarango nitta tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The seeds are ground and mixed with flour.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20-40 m tall. The trunk is 50-100 cm across. The leaves are compound and alternate. They are 12-20 cm long and twice divided. There are 20-40 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are in yellow heads. The fruit is a curved bean pod 20-25 cm long and 7-9 cm wide. It has about 14 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands and up to 450 m above sea level. It grows in areas with a rainfall of 2,200 mm. per year. The temperature is 25-27°C.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. Seeds need to be scratched to break the hard seed coat. They should then be soaked in water fro 24 hours before planting.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow quickly. In the Amazon it flowers August to October and fruit ripen November to December.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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