PLANT FACT SHEET

Annona coriacea Mart.

GENUS *Annona* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Araticum, Leathery annona

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - oil

The fruit are eaten raw or made into juice. They are used for ice-cream.
Caution: The fruit are somewhat laxative.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 3-6 m high. It can be taller. The trunk is 20-30 cm across. The leaves are simple and leathery. They are softly hairy underneath. The leaves are 9-15 cm long and 7-12 cm wide. The flowers occur singly. The fruit is a multiple fleshy fruit. It is heart shaped and fleshy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Brazil in the savannah. It will grow in poor soils. It will grow in sandy, well-drained soils. It grows from 80-1,120 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The fruit are allowed to become very ripe before the seeds are washed from the pulp. Seeds will not store well for longer than 6 months. The seed should be scratched before sowing to break the hard seed coat. Seeds germinate in 30-60 days. The seedlings need good sun and can be transplanted when 30 cm high.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The growth rate is slow but it can produce fruit when 2 years old.

NOTES

The oil from the leaves is used as medicine.

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