PLANT FACT SHEET

Grona setigerum (E. Mey.) H. Ohashi & K. Ohashi

GENUS *Grona* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - health food

The roots are eaten raw as a sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. The stems are 1 m long. The stems develop from a woody base. They can form roots at the nodes. They have white or rusty hairs. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaflets are 5-35 mm long by 4-30 mm wide. The side ones are usually smaller. The flowering shoots can be at the ends of the branches or in the axils of the leaves. The fruit are pods 5-15 mm long with 1-6 sections. The seeds are kidney shaped and 1.5-2 mm long and 1-1.5 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in savannah woodland and palm groves. It can be in flooded rice fields. It occurs between 300-1,800 m above sea level. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

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