PLANT FACT SHEET

Clavija costaricana Pittier

GENUS *Clavija* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Musola

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4 m tall. It has few branches. The stem is stout and has clusters of old leaf scars up the stem. The leaves are alternate in tight spirals at the top of the stem. The leaves are 0.3-1.2 m long by 8-23 cm wide. They are narrowly sword shaped and widest at the top. They taper gradually to the base. The flowers are orange to red. They are 1 cm wide. The flowers are in long dangling clusters. The fruit is hard and fleshy and bright orange. They are 2-4.5 cm wide. They are white inside and have 2-20 seeds. These have an orange to white coating.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist to wet forests. It grows from sea level to 1,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants fruit all year round.

NOTES

It has also been put in the family Theophrastaceae.

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