PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga alba (Sw.) Willd.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES White inga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds - aril

The thin flesh around the seeds is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 35 m tall. It has straight buttresses. The bark is light red to brown. It has an irregular pattern from fallen pieces of bark. The twigs are angular. They are softly hairy when young. The leaves are compound. There are 3 stalks of leaflets and the leaflets are papery. The flowers are in spikes in the axils of leaves. They are brown and hairy. The spikes are in clusters. The flowers are white. The fruit is a pod 15 cm long by 1.7 cm wide and 0.8 cm thick. There are some veins across it. The pods are constricted between the seeds. There are about 10 seeds. The pulp of the pod is sweet and tasty.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and savanna forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants grow easily from seeds. Seeds germinate in 1-2 weeks given moisture and shade.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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