PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora membranacea Benth.

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Granadilla bellisima

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen climbing shrub. The stems are about 5 m long. It scrambles over other plants and has coiling tendrils. The fruit are 4-9 cm long by 3-4 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in high forest zones between 1,350-3,000 m above sea level. It needs a temperature above 16°C at flowering. It is best in a humus rich moist but well-drained soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds. The pulp helps speed up germination. Stored seed should be soaked in warm water for 24 hours. It can still take 12 months to germinate. Cuttings can be used as well as layering and air-layering. Plants can be cut back and will re-grow.

NOTES

There are about 400 Passiflora species.

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