PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia quaesita Pierre

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

COMMON NAMES Goraka

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - spice

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The trunk is 60 cm across. The crown is round and the branches are drooping. The bark is black and rough. It cracks and peels. The leaves are dark green and 5-13 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped. The flowers are white in the axils of the upper leaves. The male flowers are in clusters and the famle flowers occur singly. The fruit are small and yellow or purple. There are 6-8 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is an understorey plant in the rainforest.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees take 6-8 years to start to fruit. It flowers in the hot dry season and fruits during the rainy season.

NOTES

There are about 300 Garcinia species.

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