PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga bourgonii (Aubl.) DC.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Warakosa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: pod, Fruit

The pulp is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20-40 m tall. The twigs are dark reddish-brown. The leaves are compound. The leaflets are leathery. The flowers are in clustered spikes in the axils of leaves. These are 5 cm long. The fruit are pods 10-17 cm long by 0.6 cm wide. They are green to black. They are slightly swollen over the seeds. There are about 12 seeds. The pulp is sweet.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical America. It grows on the floodplains and occasionally in uplands.

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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