PLANT FACT SHEET

Bursera fagaroides (Kunth) Engl.

GENUS *Bursera* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Linaloe, Mexican frankincense

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Wood - oil

An oil from the wood is used to flavour baked goods, frozen dairy products, candy, puddings and drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 5-10 m tall. The trunk is swollen and has reddish bark that peels off. The leaves are compound with 5-11 leaflets along the stalk. The flowers are white and can be single or in clusters. They are at the ends of branches. The fruit are brown and triangle shaped. They are 6 mm long and split open to release a reddish seed.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in drier areas. It needs a sunny position and can tolerate light frosts.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 100 Bursera species. There are 82 Bursera species in Mexico.
It has potential anti-cancer properties.

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