PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Parahancornia fasciculata* (Poir.) R. Benoist

**GENUS** *Parahancornia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Dukali

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 40 m tall. The trunk can be 45-100 cm across. The leaf stalk has a groove on the top side. The leaves are opposite. They are narrowly oval and 7-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves of at the ends of branches. The fruit is a round berry. It is 4.5-8 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They are green to purplish-brown. The outside layer is about 1 cm thick. The flesh is yellow, edible and sweet tasting. There are several seeds. They are flat and oval. They are 1.5 cm long by 1 cm wide.

## HABITAT

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

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

In Guyana plants flower July to August and produce fruit July to February.

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