PLANT FACT SHEET

Theobroma glaucum H. Karst.

GENUS *Theobroma* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Glaucous chocolate tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The seeds can be used for chocolate.
The flesh of the fruit can be eaten raw or used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 14 m tall. The trunk is 20 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is an under-storey plants in the rainforest. It suits the hot, moist lowland tropics. It grows up to 450 m above sea level. It can grow up to 1,000 m. It suits areas with an annual average temperature between 20°-30° C and an average rainfall between 2,000-8,000 mm evenly distributed. It is best in rich soils and in dense shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds.

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