PLANT FACT SHEET

Musa textilis Nee

GENUS *Musa* **FAMILY** Musaceae

COMMON NAMES Abaca, Manila hemp

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Pith, Flowers

The unopened flowers are cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A tall banana like plant. It grows 6-7 m high. The trunk is green or purple. It forms suckers. The leaves are held at a high angle. The flowering bunch comes out horizontal. There are up to 6 widely spaced hands of fruit. The fruit are 5-7 cm long. They have many irregular shaped seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Yunnan.

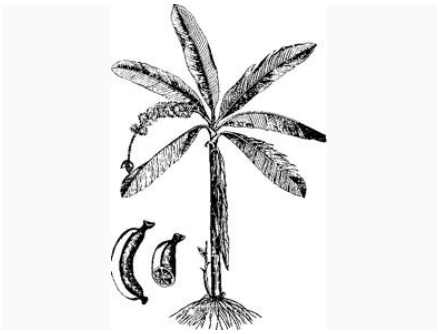
NOTES

There are about 30 Musa species.

PICTURES



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