PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga thibaudiana DC.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Monkey whitey

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - aril, pod

The aril or fleshy layer around the seeds is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-12 m high. The trunk can be 10-40 cm wide. The branches are angular and hairy. The leaves are compound and alternate. There are 5-6 pairs of leaflets. These are 3-16 cm long by 1-6 cm wide. The fruit is a long pod 13-23 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. The seeds are in a white pulp or fleshy layer around the seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between sea level and 200 m altitude. It grows in the hot wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants grow easily from fresh seeds. Seeds germinate in 1-2 weeks given moisture and shade.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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