PLANT FACT SHEET

Cecropia sciadophylla Mart.

GENUS *Cecropia* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

COMMON NAMES Igarata pumpwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Leaves - flavouring, Roots - drink

The ashes of the leaves are used to flavour coca.
Water is extracted from the roots.
The fruit and seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 30 m tall. It has a sparse open crown. The trunk is 20-30 cm across. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruit are finger shaped.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open areas in primary forest. It is often along streams.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. The seeds need light to germinate. Seeds sprout in 2-3 weeks. Plants can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

Also put in the families Moraceae and Cecropiaceae.

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