PLANT FACT SHEET

Miconia longifolia (Aubl.) DC

GENUS *Miconia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Mispel

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw. The seeds are also eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 13 m tall. The flowers are along stalks 5-15 cm long. These are widely branched and reddish-purple. The fruit do not has stalks. The fruit are a flattened berry. They are 0.4 cm long by 0.3 cm wide. They are green but then turn yellow, orange, red, purple then black. The pulp is edible. The seeds are an irregular, angular oval shape. They are 0.15 cm long by 0.1 cm wide. They are brown and shiny.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests near rivers and in secondary forests. It grows in the lowlands and up to 1,000 m above sea level.

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