PLANT FACT SHEET

Strychnos pseudoquina A. St. Hil.

GENUS *Strychnos* **FAMILY** Loganiaceae

COMMON NAMES Copalchi, Quina

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 4-9 m high. The crown is elongate and dense. The trunk is twisted and 20-35 cm across. The bark is thick and fractured. The leaves are opposite and shiny. They have rusty hairs underneath. They are 5-12 cm long on stalks 2-12 mm long. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. The groups are 2-5 cm long. The flowers are white and they have a scent. The fruit is a round berry with 1-4 seeds. The flesh is sweet.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The ripe fruit are harvested and the seeds removed from the pulp. The fresh seeds are harvested and they germinate in 3-4 weeks.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

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