PLANT FACT SHEET

Casearia laetioides (A. Rich.) Warb.

GENUS *Casearia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Carajon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are cooked then eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 20-30 m high. The trunk is straight. The bark is brown with white cell spots. The leaves are alternate and regularly spaced. There can be fine teeth along the edge. The leaves are hairy underneath with red veins. Leaves turn yellow and fall off in the dry season. The flowers are white and in clusters along the branches. The fruit is a round capsule. It is 5 cm across. It splits open with seeds surrounded by a red covering.

Possibly now Casearia laetioides

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry areas.

NOTES

Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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