PLANT FACT SHEET

Manihot carthaginensis subsp. glaziovii (Mull.Arg.) Allem

GENUS *Manihot* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Ceara rubbertree, Tree cassava

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Roots, Tubers, Seeds, Stems, Vegetable

The tuberous roots are eaten. They are also a source of starch.
The oily seeds are eaten.
The leaves are eaten as a cooked green vegetable.
Caution: The leaves can contain hydrogen cyanide but this is removed with cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m high. The stem is crooked and it has bushy branches. The bark is smooth and pale grey. The leaf stalks are 7-14 cm long. The leaf blades are 10-28 cm across. They are deeply divided with 3-5 lobes. They are dark green above and pale bluish-green underneath. The flowers are loosely arranged. The fruit are about 2 cm across. The seeds are about 1.5 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is best in a dry climate and with sandy soil. It can grow in poor soils. It can tolerate drought. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

The sap is a source of rubber.

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