PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia riparia A.C.Smith

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

COMMON NAMES Mangosteen

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub or small tree. It grows 4-8 m high and spreads 1-3 m wide. When trees are damaged they produce a clear exudate. The leaves are 7-9 cm long and 2-3 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and dark green. They are thick textured and the veins are prominent underneath the leaf. The tips of the leaves are drawn out to a fine point. The flower cluster is produced in the axils of leaves and these occur as dense clusters. The flowers are about 0.6 cm across and white. The fruit are 2.5 cm across and yellowish. There are 1-5 seeds inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in rainforests. It grows near rivers. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 100 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed which should be sown fresh.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Australia, the fruit are mature in December to January. Flowering occurs in July.

NOTES

There are about 300 Garcinia species.

PICTURES



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