PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Inga laevigata* M. Martens & Galeotti

**GENUS** *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Guaba, Smooth calyx inga

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit - aril, pod

The aril or fleshy layer around the seeds is eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 22 m tall. It has buttresses. The leaves have 2 pairs of leaflets. They have golden hairs when young. The flowers are white and in short clustered spikes. The fruit are pods that can be 15-40 cm long. They are dark green and swollen around the pods. The pulp of the pods is white.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is usually in uplands but also in floodplains. It grows up to 1,000 m above sea level in the Amazon. It can grow in areas with a distinct dry season as well as in area with a year round rainfall.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants grow easily from seeds. Seeds germinate in 1-2 weeks given moisture and shade.

## NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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