PLANT FACT SHEET

Leea aculeata Blume ex Spreng.

GENUS *Leea* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

COMMON NAMES Hara

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

Young leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 11 m tall. The trunk can be 18 cm across. The stems are spiny. The leaves are alternate. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are white, pink or yellow. They occur in groups. The fruit is fleshy and 13 mm across. They are red to blue or purple when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along rivers and in swampy areas. It can be on limestone. It grows up to 700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Leeaceae.

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