PLANT FACT SHEET

Geissanthus longistamineus (A. C. Sm.) Pipoly

GENUS *Geissanthus* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Capuli

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3-10 m tall. The branches are 5-8 mm across. The leaves are 19-31 cm long by 8-13 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The flower panicle is usually at the ends of the branches are is 30 cm long. The flowers are 6 mm long. the fruit are round and 6-8 mm long and wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands. It grows from 80-1,150 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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