PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga lateriflora Miq.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Lateralflower inga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, pod

The pulp of the fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25 m tall. The twigs are thin and cylinder shaped. The leaves are compound. The flowers are in groups on young and old twigs. The flowers are yellowish-white. The fruit are pods 10-15 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are swollen over the seeds. There are about 11 seeds. The pod pulp is sweet and edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in savanna and rainforests.

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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