PLANT FACT SHEET

Calatola laevigata Standl.

GENUS *Calatola* **FAMILY** Icacinaceae

COMMON NAMES Palo de Papa, Smooth calatola

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds, Nuts

The kernels of the seeds are roasted and eaten or ground and used in tortillas.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15 m high. The trunk is 25 cm across. The leaves are oblong and 16 cm long. Plants are separately male and female. Male spikes are 6 cm long. The fruit are narrowly oval and 5 cm long. They are covered with low ridges.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between 800 and 2,300 m above sea level in Mexico.

NOTES

There are about 6 Calatola species.

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