PLANT FACT SHEET

Crotalaria trichotoma Bojer

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Cusara pea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Caution: It should probably not be eaten in large amounts due to alkaloids.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2 m tall. The branches are angled with ribs along them and are hairy. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaflets are narrowly oval and 6-10 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are hairy underneath. There are 10-20 flowers together at the ends of the branches. The flowers are yellow. The pod is 3-4 cm long by 0.7-1.2 wide. There are 50-70 seeds. The seeds are a dull orange. They are 2.2-2.8 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows up to 1,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. The seeds should be soaked in warm water before planting.

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