PLANT FACT SHEET

Gnetum urens (Aubl.) Blume

GENUS *Gnetum* **FAMILY** Gnetaceae

COMMON NAMES Thoa piquant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seeds are eaten raw after the shell has been removed.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing vine. The bark has white to yellow latex. The leaves are opposite. Plants are separately male and female. The flowers are in rings or spikes. The fruit is narrowly oval. It is 3-4 cm long by 2 cm wide. It is yellow but turns purplish-red. The seed is edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the rainforest especially along rivers and on open slopes. In the Guianas it grows from sea level to 900 m altitude.

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