PLANT FACT SHEET

Plinia aureana (Kiaersk.) Sobral

GENUS *Plinia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Guapuru blanco, White jaboticaba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It loses many leaves during the year. It grows 2-3 m tall. The trunk has knotty swellings. The bark is yellow and peels off. The leaves are papery and they have blister like lumps on them. The leaves are 6-11 cm long. They flowers are in clusters on the stem. The fruit are pale green and 2-3 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in humid forest near the Atlantic in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds. The seeds are collected from fallen ripe fruit and allowed to partly decompose in a heap before the seeds are washed under running water. Seeds need to be planted fresh. Seedlings emerge in 25-35 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

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