PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora antioquiensis Karst.

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Red Banana passionflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten. They are also used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A vine. Young leaves are narrow and older leaves have 3 leaflets and are more broad. The red flowers hang on 40 cm long stems. The flowers can be 8-10 cm across. The fruit are banana shaped. They can be 10 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are yellow or red when ripe. The flesh is orange.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in highland regions. It can grow in reasonable soil. It is fairly sensitive to cold temperatures. It needs good drainage and can grow in sun or light shade. It grows wild above 2,000 m in Papua New Guinea. In the Andes it grows between 800-2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seeds. It can cover an area of 2 m by 3 m on a trellis. Two or more plants are necessary for good fruit production.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants bear in 2 years. Plants last for 5 years.

NOTES

There are about 400 Passiflora species.

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