PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceiba acuminata (S. Watson) Rose

GENUS *Ceiba* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Cotton tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Roots, Bark - tea

The seeds are rich in oil and are eaten.
The tuberous roots are harvested and roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m high. It has a dense rounded crown. The leaves are divided like fingers. The flowers are small and have curling strap-like petals. The stamens are deep ink. The flowers are about 10 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There are 4 Ceiba species.
Also put in the family Bombacaceae. In the subfamily Bombacoideae.

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