PLANT FACT SHEET

Alibertia edulis var. edulis Rusby

GENUS *Alibertia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Bi chico

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten and also used for jams and juices.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-15 m high. The trunk is 20-30 cm across. It has cracks long it. The leaves are opposite and entire. They are 10-14 m long by 4-6 cm wide. They are oval. The leaf stalk is 2 cm long. The female flower stalk has one flower. The male flowers are at the ends of branches. The fruit is almost round and 3-5 cm across. There are several seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows between 200-500 m altitude. It grows in areas with 1500 mm of rain per year.

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