PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga coriacea (Pers.) Desv.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Warakosa, Baboen-weko, Swit'bonki

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, pod

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The leaves are compound. The leaflets are leathery. The flowers are in heads in the axils of leaves and can occur singly or in pairs. The fruit are pods 5-13 cm long by 2 cm wide and 1 cm thick. They are yellow with fine ribs across them. The seeds are white and have a sweet edible pulp.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests near rivers and creeks.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants grow easily from seeds. Seeds germinate in 1-2 weeks given moisture and shade.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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