PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga cylindrica (Vell.) C. Martius

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Cylindrical inga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, pod

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-15 m high. The trunk is 50-60 cm across. The leaves are compound. They are 15-20 cm long with 4 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are oval and opposite. The fruit is a pod. It is 15-20 cm long. There are 10-15 seeds. These are 13-14 mm long by 8-10 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia they grow up to 700 m altitude. They occur in areas with rainfall of 1,000-1,500 mm per year.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seed are removed from the ripe pods and not allowed to dry out but planted fresh. Seeds germinate in 10-20 days. Seedlings are transplanted in 4-5 months.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow quickly in the field. They can be over 2 m high in 2 years.

NOTES

There are 350 Inga species. Also as Mimosaceae.

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