PLANT FACT SHEET

Leucaena trichandra (Zucc.) Urban

GENUS *Leucaena* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy stem lead tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Pods, Seeds, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can be 2 m tall or up to 18 m tall. The trunk can be 50 cm across. The leaves are twice divided with 11-20 pairs of pinnae and leaflets 4-7 mm long. The flower heads are 7-10 mm across. The fruit are pods 7-11 cm long by 13-23 mm wide. The seeds are 3-4 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows as an understorey trees in mid altitudes. It grows between 200-2,500 m above sea level. It is best in places where the average temperature is 17-22°C and an average rainfall of 1,000-1,800 mm per year.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. The seeds can have a hard seed coat and should then be put in warm water and soaked for 12-24 hours.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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