PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga affinis DC.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Guama tree, Related inga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp around the seeds is edible raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The trunk can be 60 cm across. The leaves are twice divided with 4-6 pairs of large oval leaflets. The flowers do not have a stalk but have a scent. They are in crowded heads at the tips of the branches. The fruit is a long pod. It is 90 cm long. It has black seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in tropical rainforests along the edges of rivers. It can be in wooded swamps. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level. It grows in Brazil in the rainforest near the Atlantic.

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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