PLANT FACT SHEET

Vasconcellea chrysopetala Heilborn

GENUS *Vasconcellea* **FAMILY** Caricaceae

COMMON NAMES Toronchi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh or preserved in syrup. They can be used for jams, pie fillings and pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A vigorous plant. It grows 5 m high. Plants often have several branches. Plants are separately male and female. The fruit is like babaco but slightly curved. They are produced right down the trunk of the plant. The seed are embedded in the flesh of the fruit. They can have few seeds. The fruit can be 10-15 cm long. Fruit are smooth skinned.

HABITAT

Plants need rich, well-drained soil. It has little frost tolerance. It is best in warmer climates.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are easily grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants can produce fruit after 1-2 years. A fruit can weigh 500 g.

NOTES

It is probably a hybrid between Carica pubescens and Carica monoica. There are at least 22-40 species of Carica. It has 21-32 mg/100g of Vitamin C.

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