PLANT FACT SHEET

Citronella gongonha (Mart.) R. A. Howard

GENUS *Citronella* **FAMILY** Cardiopteridaceae

COMMON NAMES Gongonha citronella

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

The leaves have been used to make a tea drink like mate.
The fruit are succulent and sweet.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. The crown is round and dense. It grows 4-5 m tall. The trunk is short and 25-30 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is often in poorly drained soils in open forest. It can grow in full sun or light shade. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds. Seeds germinate in 40-50 days.

NOTES

Probably Icacinaceae family.

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