PLANT FACT SHEET

Coccoloba venosa L.

GENUS *Coccoloba* **FAMILY** Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Calambre–a, Chicory-grape

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 10 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The crown is spreading and branches almost horizontal. The leaves are in 2 rows and drooping. They are oval. The fruit are white to pink and fleshy. They are 8 mm long and egg shaped. They have an edible lobed calyx around a shiny black seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry coastal regions.

NOTES

There are between 120-200 Coccoloba species in tropical America.

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