PLANT FACT SHEET

Plinia edulis (O. Berg.) Nied.

GENUS *Plinia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Cambuca, Edible plinia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or made into juice.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-10 m high. The crown is pyramid shape and has a dense covering of leaves. The trunk is short and 30-40 cm across. The bark is thin and orange-red. It peels off. The leaves are simple and smooth on top but slightly rough underneath. They are 12-17 cm long. The flowers are in small groups on the stems and branches. The fruit is round and ribbed. It is orange-yellow. It has yellow pulp and a large seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Brazil in the forest near rivers towards the Atlantic.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The ripe fruit are harvested and the seed removed and dried in the shade. The seed only remain viable for a short time. Fresh seed should be planted and they germinate in 40-100 days. Seedlings are rady to trnsplant in the field after 10 months.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

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