PLANT FACT SHEET

Spondias venulosa (Engl.) Mart. ex Engl.

GENUS *Spondias* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Hog-plum, Mombin, Spanish-plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten. Because they are acid they are used for juice.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-18 m high. The crown is rounded. The trunk is 40-60 cm across. The bark is light coloured and slightly rough. The leaves are compound. They are 20-50 cm long. There are 7-31 leaflets along the stalk. They are 5-14 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flowers are in groups at the end of the stalk. They are 15-40 cm long. The flowers can be separately male or female or both sexes. The fruit are oval and rough.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in the forests near the Atlantic in Brazil. It grows in Miombo woodland in Africa. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The ripe fruit are harvested and put in a plastic bag to allow the pulp to rot. The seeds are removed and planted. They are washed in running water then dired in the shade. The fresh seed are planted and germinate in 4-6 weeks. They are transplanted into the field when 30-40 cm high.

PICTURES



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