PLANT FACT SHEET

Theobroma simiarum Donn. Sm.

GENUS *Theobroma* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Monkey chocolate tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Seeds - oil

The seeds can be used for chocolate.
The flesh of the fruit can be eaten raw or used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. The crown is spreading. It grows 20 m tall. The trunk is 60 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows as an under-storey plants in the rainforest. It grows up to 600 m above sea level. It suits the hot, moist, lowland tropics. It suits areas with an annual average temperature between 20°-30° C and an average rainfall between 2,000-8,000 mm evenly distributed. It is best in rich soils and in light shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Byttneriaceae and the Sterculiaceae.

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