PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordiera elliptica (Cham.) Kuntze

GENUS *Cordiera* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Marmelada-de-pinto

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-2 m tall. The leaves are leathery and of a uniform colour but dull on the upper surface. The leaves are 5-11 cm long. The male and female flowers are on separate plants. The female flowers are white and occur singly. The male flowers are in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round, black berries. They are 1-2 cm across. They have a thin skin and sweet pulp. They contain many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows naturally in scrubland in Brazil. It grows in savannah.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 12 Cordiera species in Brazil and all have edible fruit.

REFERENCES

Altschul, S.V.R., 1973, Drugs and Foods from Little-known Plants. Notes in Harvard University Herbaria. Harvard Univ. Press. Massachusetts. no. 4231 (As Alibertia elliptica)

Fern, K., 2012, Tropical Species Database http://theferns.info/tropical/

Kermath, B. M., et al, 2014, Food Plants in the Americas: A survey of the domesticated, cultivated and wild plants used for Human food in North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. On line draft. p 264

Lorenzi, H., Bacher, L., Lacerda, M. & Sartori, S., 2006, Brazilian Fruits & Cultivated Exotics. Sao Paulo, Instituto Plantarum de Estuados da Flora Ltda. p 284

NYBG herbarium "edible"

Peres, M. K., 2011, Diasporos do Cerrado Atrativos para Fauna: Chave Interativa Caracterizacao Visual e Relacoes Ecologicas. Masters thesis. Universidade de Brasilia.

www.colecionandofrutas.org

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/a48f045a-1220-4733-83e4-e51501b728e1