PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga fastuosa (Jacq.) Willd.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Guaba venezolana, Proud inga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - aril, pod

The pulp around the seeds in the pod is sweet and edible.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 10 m tall. The trunk is short and branched and 15 cm across. The bark is smooth and brown with small cracks. The crown is spreading. The twigs and pods have reddish hairs. The leaves are large and compound. They are They are 15-30 cm long. There can be up to 4 or 5 pairs of leaflets along the stalk. These are narrowly oval and shiny. The leaflets have winged stalks. The flowers are large and greenish white. They do not have stalks and occur along an axis 15 cm long. The fruit are large brown pods 25-40 cm long and 6 cm wide and thick and flat.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants grow easily from seeds. Seeds germinate in 1-2 weeks given moisture and shade.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The tree grows rapidly.

NOTES

It is used as shade for coffee.

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