PLANT FACT SHEET

Alibertia sorbilis Ducke

GENUS *Alibertia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Brazil borojoa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit pulp is used to for juice, compotes, marmalades, ice-cream and wines.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4-6 m high. The leaves are large. They are 25-45 cm long by 15-20 cm wide. The base is heart shaped and they taper to the tip. The flowers are of one sex. The male flowers occur as many together. The female flowers occur singly. The fruit is round and 8-10 cm across. They are green to brown. It has several seeds inside. The seeds are almost a triangle shape and 2 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds. Seeds germinate in 25-55 days. It can also be grown from cuttings and grafting.

NOTES

The fruit are very nutritious.

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