PLANT FACT SHEET

Castilla elastica Sesse ex Cerv.

GENUS *Castilla* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Panama rubber tree, Mastate blanco

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are 45 cm long by 17 cm wide. The leaves have tufts of hair along the edge. The leaves are hairy underneath. The flowers are green or yellow. They are in flattened head like clusters. The fruit is a flat disk of green bracts. These have about 20-30 orange-red fleshy 1 seeded fruit. The seeds are 8-10 mm long by 6-8 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is probably pollinated by thrips.

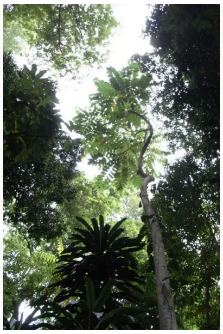
NOTES

There are about 2 Castilla species. It was used for latex rubber.

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