PLANT FACT SHEET

Couma catingae Ducke

GENUS *Couma* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Caatinga couma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-12 m tall. The stems are thick and 3 angled. The leaves are in groups of 3. The leaf stalk is 2-3 cm long. The leaves are 10-12 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. The flowers are 1-1.2 cm long. The fruit is a berry 4 cm long and 4 cm wide. They are green. The seeds are flat.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Guyana plants flower in September and produce fruit in October.

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