PLANT FACT SHEET

Couroupita subsessilis Pilg.

GENUS *Couroupita* **FAMILY** Lecythidaceae

COMMON NAMES Castanheiro do macaco, Cannon ball tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 40-55 m tall. The leaves are large and taper gradually towards the base. They are sword shaped and 8-26 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. The flowers cn be hanging from the trunk or branches. The fruit are a flattened round shape 9-13 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

NOTES

It is a timber tree.
It is pollinated by bees.

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