PLANT FACT SHEET

Theobroma microcarpum Mart.

GENUS *Theobroma* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The seeds are used for chocolate.
The flesh of the fruit is eaten raw. It is also used for a drink.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. The crown is small. It grows 10-20 m tall. The trunk is 20-30 cm across. The bark is grey, smooth and thin. The fruit hang down on the branches. They are oval to oblong and 12 cm long. They are yellowish-green when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits areas with an annual average temperature between 20°-30° C and an average rainfall between 2,000-8,000 mm evenly distributed. It is best in rich soils and in light shade. In Colombia it grows between 100-120 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculaceae.

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