PLANT FACT SHEET

Poraqueiba sericea Tul.

GENUS *Poraqueiba* **FAMILY** Icacinaceae

COMMON NAMES Silky poraqueiba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Starch, Seeds - oil, Leaves - tea

The fleshy fruit are rich in oil and are edible.
Flour is produced from the seeds.
The seed oil is used to fry fish.
The leaves are used to make a herbal tea.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 10-25 m high. The trunk can be 60 cm across. The branches are large. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are 12-28 cm long. The flowers are small and in the axils of leaves. The fruit is fleshy with a hard stone inside. The fruit is 8 cm long by 5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in regions with 1,700 mm of rain per year. It grows naturally in dryland forest in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Ripe fruit are harvested and put into a heap until they soften then the seeds are removed. Fresh seeds are planted and germinate in 4-6 weeks.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a moderate rate.

NOTES

The fruit pulp is rich in oil (12%) and starch.

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