PLANT FACT SHEET

Erisma japura Spruce ex Warm.

GENUS *Erisma* **FAMILY** Vochysiaceae

COMMON NAMES Japura

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The kernel is eaten raw or boiled.
The seeds are also boiled, left in running water for several weeks and then pounded to give a form of butter.
Caution: It is poisonous without treatment.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. The leaves are oval and indented at the end. They are about 15 cm long by 8 cm wide. The fruit is red. The kernel is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the rainforest. It grows in the humid lowlands. It occurs in areas with a average annual temperature of 26°C and an annual rainfall of about 3,400 mm.

NOTES

There are 20 Erisma species.

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