PLANT FACT SHEET

Hymenaea martiana Hayne

GENUS *Hymenaea* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Jatoba-miudo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Fruit

The aril or later around the seeds is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 8-18 m high. It has a leafy crown. The branches are swollen and hairy when young. The trunk is 40-90 cm across. The leaves are compound with 2 leaflets. They are 5-7 cm long by 3 cm wide. The flowers are at the ends of branches. They are white. The fruit is cylinder shaped pods 15 cm long. They have 5-8 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in secondary forest on flood plains in Brazil. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plant is grown from seeds. The seeds are removed from the pod and the pulp removed. The tough seed coat needs to be scratched to enable them to germinate more easily. Seeds need to be planted fresh. Seeds grow in 15-30 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

NOTES

It is also used in medicine.
Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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