PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora ligularis Juss.

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet granadilla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten. They can be eaten fresh or used in drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A vigorous climbing vine. It grows 26 m long. It is woody at the base. The fruit is larger, yellow skinned and sweeter with larger seeds than the more common purple passionfruit. Leaves are entire, heart shaped and up to 20 cm long. Flowers are pale green. They are large. They can be 8-10 cm across. The fruit have a purple tinge and turn orange when ripe. The pulp is white or translucent and sweet. The fruit are 6-7.5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the tropical highlands. They grow between 1300 and 2400 m altitude in the tropics. It needs rich soil with good drainage. It cannot tolerate frost. It does not do well in very hot places. In the Andes it grows between 800-3,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from cuttings. Plants need a fence or trellis to grow on. They can also be grown from fresh seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit production is seasonal. Vines bear in 1-2 years. In southern India plants flower and fruit December to May.

NOTES

There are about 400 Passiflora species. Fruit are high in folates 64µg/100.

PICTURES



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