PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Humiria balsamifera* (Aubl.) A. St Hil.

**GENUS** *Humiria* **FAMILY** Humiriaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Tauroniro

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-25 m high. It can be taller. The trunk can be 30-90 cm across. The crown is round and dense. It some locations it grows as a shrub. The trunk is short and 30-40 cm across. The leaves vary is size and shape. They are 6-15 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowers are in groups at the ends of branches. They are white. The fruit is oval and fleshy with a stone inside. It is 10-11 mm long by 4-8 mm wide. It is dark purple and fleshy when ripe. There are 15 varieties.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dryland forest in the Amazon in Brazil.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

The plant is grown from seed. The ripe fruit are harvested and put in plastic bags to allow them to soften so it is easier to remove the seeds. Fresh seed are planted and germinate in 2-3 months.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a moderate rate.

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