PLANT FACT SHEET

Hevea spruceana (Benth.) Mull.Arg.

GENUS *Hevea* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Para rubber tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are cooked and eaten.
Caution: The seeds contain cyanide and are poisonous unless well cooked.

DESCRIPTION

An deciduous tree. It grows 40 m tall. The trunk is swollen at the base. The bark is smooth and brown. The leaves are arranged in spirals. They are compound and the leaflets are narrowly oval. The flowers are small and yellow. The fruit is a capsule exploding into 3 lobes.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in low and deeply flooded river-banks in the rainforest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. It can also be grown from cuttings.

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