PLANT FACT SHEET

Mouriri glazioviana Cogn.

GENUS *Mouriri* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Manipuca, Puca

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8-12 m high. The crown is pyramid shaped. The trunk is crooked and has holes. It is 15-25 cm across. The bark is brown and flakes off in pieces. The leaves are narrowly oval and taper to the tip. They are 6-18 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The fruit is a smooth rounded berry. It can be 3 cm across. It has a sweet juicy pulp and 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It grows in forests that lose many leaves during the year. It is often at higher elevations in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. Seeds are collected from ripe fruit and the fruit are placed in a plastic bag to allow the pulp to partly decompose to make removing seeds easier. The pulp is removed under running water and the seeds planted fresh. They are best in part shade. Seedlings emerge in 4-6 months.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a slow to moderate rate.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Memecylaceae.

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