PLANT FACT SHEET

Simarouba versicolor A. St. Hil.

GENUS *Simarouba* **FAMILY** Simaroubaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-11 m tall. The crown is round. The trunk is short and 30-60 cm across. The bark is thick and fibrous with cracks along it. The leaves are compound with leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are alternate. There are 5-7 leaflets with the central vein easily visible. The leaves are 8-16 cm long on leaf stalks 4-6 cm long. The leaflets are 3-9 cm long and 2-3 cm wide. The flowers are in a compound group at the ends of the branches. These are 25-35 cm long. The fruit is oval and fleshy. There is one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Ripe fruit are harvested and put in plastc bags until they soften then the seeds are removed. The fresh seed are planted and germinate in 4-6 weeks Seedlings can be planted in the field after 6-7 months.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a moderate rate.

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