PLANT FACT SHEET

Hymenaea stigonocarpa Mart. ex Hayne

GENUS *Hymenaea* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Jutaicica, Spotted fruit copal

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seed

The floury pulp of the fruit is eaten fresh or used for porridge, cakes and bread.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-9 m high. The crown is an irregular shape. The trunk is 30-50 cm across. The leaves are compound and have short leaf stalks. The leaflets are 8-15 cm long. The flowers are in small groups at the ends of branches. The flowers are large and white. The fruit is a hard woody pod 12 cm long. There are 3-6 hard seeds. The pulp is white and has an aroma. It is sweet and edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the savannas and barren lands in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The ripe pods are harvested and allowed to open in the sun. Seed will only store for 4 months. Fresh seed should be planted. They germinate in 15-25 days. Seedlings develop quickly and can be transplanted into the field in 4 months.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.
It is a good source of Vitamin C and folates.

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