PLANT FACT SHEET

Annona sylvatica A. St-Hil.

GENUS *Annona* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Araticu, Sylvan annona

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-8 m high. The trunk is 30-40 cm across. The young growth in rusty and hairy coloured. The leaves are thin and simple. They vary in shape. They are 8-12 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowers occur singly or in groups or 2-3. The fruit are compound with fleshy pulp and many seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Brazil in highland semi-deciduous forest. It grows from sea level up to about 1,000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The seeds are removed from the very ripe fruit by rubbing and washing. Seeds only store fro about 3 months. The seeds are scratched before sowing to improve germination. Seeds germinate in 30-60 days. The seedlings can be transplanted into the field after 6 months.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow rapidly. They can be 3.5 m high in 2 years.

NOTES

It has anticancer properties.

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