PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga capitata Desvaux

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - aril, pod

The aril or layer around the seeds is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-14 m high. The crown in dense and rounded. The trunk is crooked and 20-30 cm across. The leaves are compound. They have 2 or 3 pairs of opposite leaflets. The leaflets are 6-13 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of leaves on stalks 6-10 cm long. The fruit are flattened pods.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in humid forests in the Amazon.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plants are grown from seeds. Seeds are collected from ripe pods. They are planted fresh. Seedlings emerge in 30-40 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow rapidly.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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