PLANT FACT SHEET

Theobroma bernoullii Pittier

GENUS *Theobroma* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit, Seeds - oil

The seeds can be used to make chocolate.
The pulp around the fruit can be eaten or used for a drink.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 15-20 m tall. The trunk can be 25 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen rainforest. It can be in lowland swamps near the sea. It grows up to about 100 m above sea level. It is best where annual daytime temperatures are 20°-30°C and a rainfall between 2,000-8,000 mm. It needs continuous rain and dense shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds.

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