PLANT FACT SHEET

Annona vepretorum Mart.

GENUS *Annona* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Araticum-da-bahia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit pulp is eaten raw. They are used for juice.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 3-10 m high. The trunk is 30-40 cm across. Branches form low down. The leaves are broadly oval and 2-7 cm long by 1.5-4 cm wide. The flowers are white and occur singly or in pairs. The fruit can be 10 cm long and 6 cm wide. They have a thick wall. The seeds are black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the semi-arid region in Brazil. It grows in drier forests in well-drained soil. It grows between 300-750 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. Seeds are removed from mature fruit and the pulp is washed off. The seeds have a hard seed coat and this needs to be broken by scratching to allow germination. Seeds should be planted fresh. Seeds germinate in 80-100 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees grow slowly. A fruit can weigh 250-350 g.

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