PLANT FACT SHEET

Abuta grandifolia (Mart.) Sandwith

GENUS *Abuta* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

COMMON NAMES Large leaf abuta

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the ripe fruit is eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 5 m high. It can be a climbing liana 20 m long. The leaves can be 10-20 cm long and 6-12 cm wide. The fruiting clusters usually occur singly. They are 7 cm long. The fruiting stalks are thick and 0.4 cm long. The fruit are 2 cm long by 1.2 cm wide. They are green with light green dots. They turn reddish-black when ripe. The pulp are thin and edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and especially in secondary forest. It is a lowland plant and grows up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees can produce fruit when 1 m high.

NOTES

The Menispermaceae are mainly tropical rainforest plants. There are 32 Abuta in tropical America.

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