



PLANT FACT SHEET

Hura crepitans L.

GENUS *Hura* FAMILY Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Sandbox hura

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flowers have been used to make jam.

Caution: The latex of the tree can cause blindness.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 25-60 m tall. The trunk and branches are spiny in young plants. It does not have buttresses. The leaves are heart shaped and have teeth. The side veins are straight and parallel. Broken leaves have a toxic sap. The flowers are in a cone shaped stalked head. The flowers are deep red. The fruit is a small capsule. It starts green but turns brown. The seed pod explodes when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows at low elevations in both dry and moist zones. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and cuttings.

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