PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus mucuso Welw. ex Ficalho

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Vegetable

The young leaves and fruit are eaten. The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a tree. It can grow to 30-40 m high. The trunk can be 1 m across. It has buttresses near the base. The crown is spreading and open. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are almost round and heart shaped at the base. They are 5-15 cm across. The leaf stalk is 3-11 cm long and softly hairy. The fruit hang on branches. The fruit are 4-6 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the rain-forest often near rivers.

NOTES

There are about 800-1000 Ficus species. They are mostly in the tropics. There are 120 Ficus species in tropical America.

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