PLANT FACT SHEET

Machaerium lunatum (L. f.) Ducke

GENUS *Machaerium* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Lunate machaerium

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can be climbing. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 15 m long. The stems are cylinder shaped and 12 cm across. There are curved spines. The leaves are compound with 5-7 leaflets along the stalk. They are alternate. The leaflets are 2-7 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. The flowering shoots are in the axils of leaves or at the ends of the branches. The flowering shoots are 5-15 cm long. The pod is 2-4 cm wide. It is curved and has one kidney shaped seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows along river banks and on the edges of mangroves.

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