



TREE SPECIES (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

*Inga alba*

PERU COMMON NAME

Monte pacae, Shimbillo

TREE FAMILY

AVERAGE LEAF SIZE (CM)

**8.25cm** × **3.4cm**  
Length Width

DISTRIBUTION



**NATIVE TO PERU**

ELEVATIONAL RANGE (M)

**>320m**

TREE HEIGHT

**MEDIUM (20–35M)**



NATIVE TO

**Region:** Americas

**Latin America:** Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela

## COFFEE AGROFORESTRY INFORMATION

COFFEE SYSTEM



**ARABICA**

COFFEE IMPACT

Unknown

TREE MANAGEMENT

Unknown

CULTIVATION

Unknown

PREVALENCE

Unknown

## TREE BENEFITS AND USES

FARMER USES



**Food, Firewood, Lumber, Medicinal**

Wood is sometimes marketed and has been recommended for utility plywood, flooring, coatings, general construction, carpentry, furniture, boxes, and light cabinet manufacturing. Sometimes grown for the edible and sweet "meat" around the seed. The bark is chewed or used in a decoction as a treatment for dysentery, and is also used as a treatment for female infertility. The bark is used externally as a wash or poultice to treat ulcers, ant bites, swelling, sores, wounds, and cuts. It is grated and then pressed as a remedy to soothe mouth sores in babies. The inner bark has antimicrobial activity and is placed in abscesses to remove pus. A decoction of the leaves is used to treat fever.

FARM SERVICES

Unknown

BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS

✓ **YES**

Eaten by birds such as warblers and woodpeckers as well as capuchin monkeys.

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