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Garcinia macrophylla

[Synonyms : *Mammea similis*, *Rheedia benthamiana*, *Rheedia gerdneriana*, *Rheedia macrantha*, *Rheedia macrophylla*, *Rheedia macrophylla* var. *benthamiana*]

BACURIPARI (English, Portuguese) is an evergreen tree. Native to South America (especially the Amazonian lowlands), it has small hard-shelled yellow fruit.

It is also known as *Bacury-pary* (Brazilian), and *Jambo boliviano* (Brazilian).

Macrophylla is made up of Greek *macro-* (large, long) and *phyllo-* (leaf) components meaning ‘large-leaved’.

Locally the soft white pulp in the ripe fruit is eaten raw or made into jam.

The tree is cultivated sometimes.

Some authorities who have reviewed the tree’s uses in south-eastern Asia, where at some point it was introduced, suggest that its importance as a timber tree is greater there than its edible fruit or the resin-producing attributes.