PLANT FACT SHEET

Maesa edulis C. T. White

GENUS *Maesa* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A small spreading tree or large shrub up to 8 m high with dark green leaves. The leaves are papery and long. Flowers occur with 2-4 together in a cluster. The flowers are bell shaped with an orange centre. The fruit is cream coloured and transparent with black seeds visible from the outside. It has a sweetish pulp.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal areas in lowland rainforest on both the mainland and islands. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

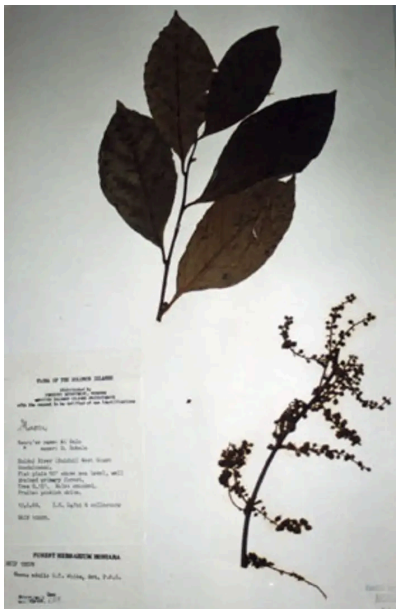
Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees are fruiting at least February to August.

NOTES

There are about 200 Maesa species. They are mostly tropical.
Collected by Brass on San Cristobel, Makira.
Specimen in Harvard herbarium.
They are also put in the family Maesaceae. They are also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

PICTURES



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