PLANT FACT SHEET

Palaquium vitilevuense Gilly ex van Royen

GENUS *Palaquium* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Mbau

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

The latex is used as chewing gum.

DESCRIPTION

A slender tree. It grows 6-24 m tall. The trunk is straight and the crown is dense. The bark when cut releases a white latex. The leaves vary in size and hairiness. The leaves are 10-20 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. The flowers are small and in groups amongst the leaves. The fruit are small and oblong.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at about 120-300 m above sea level. It occurs on Viti Levu.

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