PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium grande (Wight) Walp.

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Sea apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows up to 30 m tall with a spread of 5 m. The stem is erect and sturdy. The leaves are shiny green. They are long and taper towards the ends. The flowers are white. They form a fluffy head due to the long stamens. They occur in clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are green and pear shaped.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native from Burma to Malaysia. It prefers rich moist soil. It needs to be well drained. Plants do best in a sunny position. It is drought and frost tender. It often grows on sea-shores.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plant is grown from fresh seed. It can be grown from tip cuttings.

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