PLANT FACT SHEET

Artocarpus chama Buch.-Ham.

GENUS *Artocarpus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Chaplash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Vegetable, Bark

The seeds are parboiled then fermented and baked before eating.
The young fruits are eaten as a vegetable.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are sweet. They are also used in pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 40 m tall. The bark is grey to brown. It peels off in flakes. The leafy growths (stipules) at the base of the leaves are oval and 2.5 cm long. These are yellow and hairy. The leaves are oval and 14-23 cm long by 9-14 cm wide. Young leaves are divided. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. The male heads are roundish and 1.5-3 cm by 1-3 cm. The female heads have hairy bracts. The fruit is almost round and 6-10 cm across. The seeds are 7 mm long by 4 mm wide. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs a well marked monsoonal climate. It needs a rainfall of at least 2000 mm per year. It grows in the Chittagong hills in Bangladesh. It grows in Yunnan in China.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India plants flower and fruit March to August.

NOTES

There are about 50 Artocarpus species. They are in the tropics and subtropics of Asia and the Pacific.

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