PLANT FACT SHEET

Semecarpus forstenii Blume

GENUS *Semecarpus* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Moluccan Rengas

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit stalk

The fleshy fruit stalk is eaten.

CAUTION The sap of the tree can badly damage the skin.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree 3-10 m tall. It can grow to 27 m high. The trunk can be 40 cm across. The leaves are alternate and oblong 16-50 x 7-11 cm. The leaf stalk is 1-4 cm long. The sap of the tree can damage the skin. The flowers are 2.5 mm across. They are white and in groups. The fruit are 8 mm long and orange and fleshy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest up to 1,200 m above sea level. It is often in swamps.

PRODUCTION

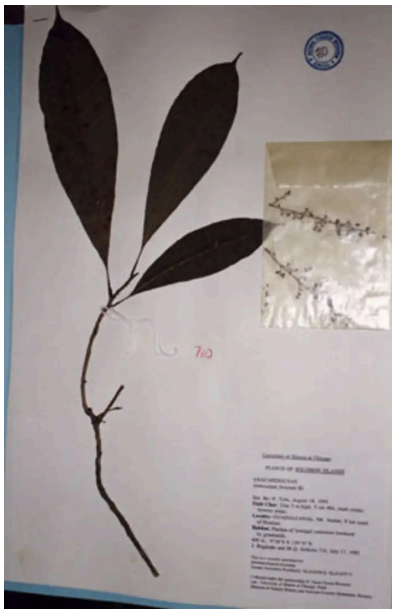
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Collected on Makira San Cristobel by Brass.
Specimen in Harvard herbarium.

PICTURES



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