PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyclophyllum coprosmoides (F. Muell.) S.T. Reynolds & R.J.F. Hend.

GENUS *Cyclophyllum* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Large-leaf canthium

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The seeds are eaten after the hairs are removed.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 2-6 m tall. It can spread 3.5 m wide. The leaves are simple and 3-11 cm long by 1.5-3 cm wide. They are smooth and dull green. It is paler underneath. The flowers are white and about 0.8 cm across. They occur in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit are 12-14 mm long. They are round and red. There are 2 seeds inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow best in deep well-drained soil. It grows near creeks and in forest near beaches.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or stem cuttings.

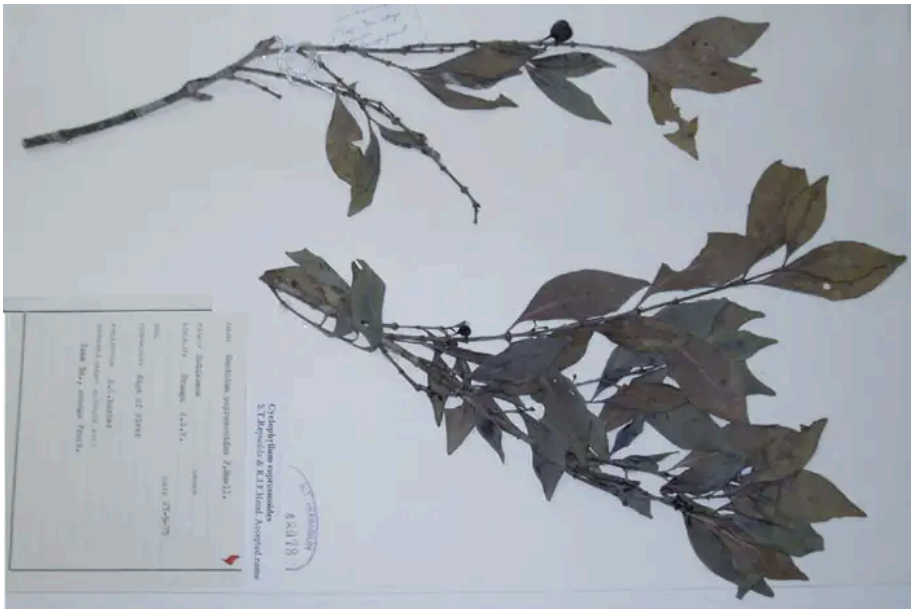
Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants are fairly slow growing.

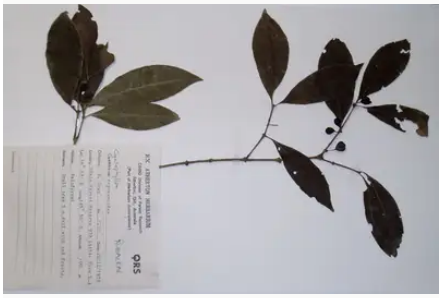
NOTES

There are about 200 Canthium species.

PICTURES



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