PLANT FACT SHEET

Dracontomelon vitiense Engl.

GENUS *Dracontomelon* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Tarawau, Dragon plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked in coconut milk.

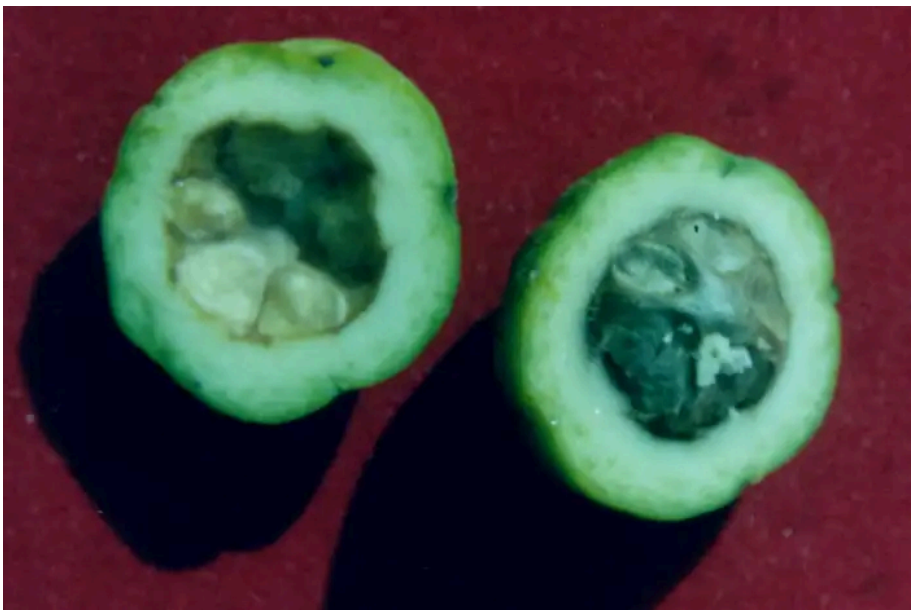
DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It has buttresses. It grows 8-20 m high. The trunk can be 20-90 cm across. The crown is large and dense. The leaves are divided into leaflets along the stalk. There are 4-9 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are 8-15 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowers are in groups. The flowers are white. The fruit are green or yellow. They are about 3.5 cm across. They have yellowish pulp.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Fiji it grows from sea level to about 300 m altitude. It grows in dry or open forest.

PICTURES



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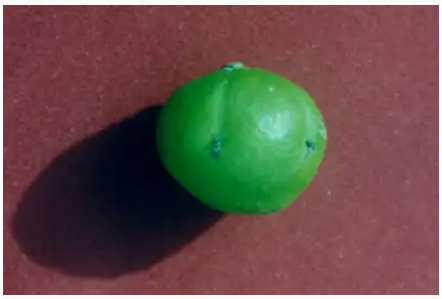

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