PLANT FACT SHEET

Khaya senegalensis (Desr.) A. Juss.

GENUS *Khaya* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - oil - medicine, Shoots, Roots

The young shoots and roots are used as chewing sticks.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall. The trunk is straight and clear for 10 m. The trunk is 1 m across. The bark is brown or dark grey. The leaves have leaflets in pairs. The leaves are 20 cm long with 3-6 pairs of leaflets. The fruit are round woody capsules 5-10 cm across. They split into 4 segments. The seeds are brown and in 4 rows.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in areas where the rainfall is 650-1,300 mm each year distributed over 4-7 months. It grows in woodland and savannah woodland. It can be on river banks. In Queen Sirikit BG. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Seeds need to be planted fresh.

NOTES

It is used as a street tree.

PICTURES



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