PLANT FACT SHEET

Sterculia tannaensis Gillaumin

GENUS *Sterculia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Nonowawa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are eaten after roasting.

DESCRIPTION

A big tree up to 30 m high. It has a long straight trunk. The leaves are large and spread out like fingers on a hand. There are 7-9 leaflets. These do not have a leaflet stalk. The leaflets are 10-16 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowers occur at the ends of branches. They occur in branched flower clusters 20 cm long. The flowers are small and yellow. The fruit are large and 8-10 cm across. They are in a green capsule like arrangement which turns brownish yellow at maturity. The fruit split open at maturity. The seeds are black and 1-2 cm long. They are produced around the edges of the capsule.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally and is cultivated in Fiji and Vanuatu.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Nut production is seasonal.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.
An unresolved name in The Plant List.

PICTURES



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