PLANT FACT SHEET

Aporosa acuminata Thwaites

GENUS *Aporosa* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The aril or fleshy layer around the seeds in eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5 m tall. The small branches are slender. The leaves are simple and alternate or in spirals. The leaves are 5-11 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. Male and female flowers are separate on the same plant. Male flowers are in 1.5 cm long spikes. The flowers are densely packed. The fruit is a capsule. It is round and red. There is one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the understorey in evergreen forests up to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India it flowers and fruits January to May.

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