PLANT FACT SHEET

Nephelium chryseum Blume

GENUS *Nephelium* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit

The aril around the seed is edible but also slightly posionous. It is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. It grows 10-20 m tall. The branches have a rusty covering of hairs when young. The leaf stalks are 20-40 cm long. The leaflets are in 4 pairs. The blades are 6-18 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. They are thinly leathery. The flowers are in branching groups. The male flowering groups are longer than the female. The fruit is red and oval with 2 lobes. The fruit are 4-5 cm long by 3-4 cm wide including the spines. The spines can be 1 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. A wet and light demanding tree. It grows along streams and on the edges of forests. It occurs below 400-600 m altitude. It does best on wet, thick soil. In Yunnan in China it grows between 600-1300 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

A fast growing tree.

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