PLANT FACT SHEET

Bellucia dichotoma Cogn.

GENUS *Bellucia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw, including the seeds.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. It grows 3-14 m tall. The trunk branches low down. The trunk can be 15-25 cm across. The fruit are round and yellow and 3 cm across. They contain many very small seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist upland forests. It is best in a sunny position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They are best collected by placing the fruit in a plastic bag until the fruit decomposes and then mixing this with water and spreading the seeds in a nursery. Seedlings can be re-planted when 4-5 cm tall and then into the field when 20-30 cm tall.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Young trees grow rapidly. Plants can fruit and flower throughout the year.

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