PLANT FACT SHEET

Dillenia obovata (Blume) Hoogland

GENUS *Dillenia* **FAMILY** Dilleniaceae

COMMON NAMES Burma simpoh, Stone dillenia tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten in curry.

DESCRIPTION

A tree 20-30 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The trunk is 70 cm thick. The leaves occur in rings and are deep green. The veins are easy to see. The leaves can be 30 cm long. The young leaves are a purplish-brown. The young twigs, leaves and flower buds have soft hairs. The flowers are 15 cm across. The fruit are oval and orange. They are 2.5-5 cm across. There are brown seeds in a clear pulp.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in clear forests at low altitudes. It can grow up to 1800 m altitude. It is best in humus-rich, well-drained soils. It needs a protected, shaded position. It is damaged by drought and frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plant can be grown by seeds. They can also be grown by cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 60 Dillenia species.

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