PLANT FACT SHEET

Sloanea dasycarpa (Benth.) Hemsl.

GENUS *Sloanea* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-25 m tall. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are 10-20 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. They are yellowish white. The fruit capsule is 3 cm across. It is round or oval and has 4-5 valves. They are woody with dense spines. The seeds are 8 mm long and black with a thin red aril.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in moist forests between 1,500-2,000 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

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