PLANT FACT SHEET

Terminalia sepicana Diels

GENUS *Terminalia* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds, Nuts, Fruit

The kernels are very small and sometimes eaten by children.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 25 to 40 m tall. It often has buttresses. The leaves are clustered at the twig tips. The leaf stalks are less than 2 cm long. The leaves are 8.5 to 15 cm by 4-8 cm. They taper near the base. The flowers are 3-4 mm long and 1-3 fruit are produced per spike. The fruit are 4-6 cm long by 2.5 to 4.5 cm wide. They are green with 4-5 flanges. The fruit redden and become fleshy when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in lowland rainforest and often in swampy areas. It occurs in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. In Townsville palmetum.

NOTES

There are about 200-250 Terminalia species. They are tropical.

PICTURES



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