PLANT FACT SHEET

Bridelia ovata Decne

GENUS *Bridelia* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Makaa tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten especially by children.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2.5-10 m high. It has many stems. The leaves are small and oval. They are 3-8 cm wide by 8-12 cm long. The flowers are small and white with yellow centres. They lie along the stem. They have a sweet scent. The fruit are small and green but turn black when ripe. There is one seed in each fruit.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sand dunes and in open forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 60 Bridelia species.

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