PLANT FACT SHEET

Trichilia monodelpha (Thonn.) J. J. De Wilde

GENUS *Trichilia* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds aril, Seeds - oil

The seed oil is occasionally used in cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-20 m high. The trunk is straight. It can be 40-60 cm across. The crown is large and open and spreading. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 3-6 pairs of leaflets with one at the end. The leaflets are oval and 4-26 cm long by 2-9 cm wide. Male and female flowers are separate but on the same tree. The flowers are in groups 12-20 cm long in the axils of leaves.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland forests and is often along the banks of rivers. It can be in palm groves.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Fresh seeds germinate in 8-15 days. Young seedlings are best with shade.

NOTES

The bark is used for medicine. Extracts of the bark are useful for malaria control.

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