PLANT FACT SHEET

Palaquium gutta (Hook. f.) Baillon.

GENUS *Palaquium* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Red gutta-percha

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - oil, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 45 m high. The trunk is 50 cm across. The bark is cracked. The twigs are 2-6 mm thick. They have reddish brown hairs. The leaves are scattered along the twigs or clustered at the tips. They are thickly papery. They are oval and 6-22 cm long by 2.5-6 cm wide. They can be larger. They have reddish-brown hairs underneath. The edges of the leaf is flat. The midrib is sunken above. There are 16-33 pairs of secondary veins. The flowers are whitish green or yellow. There are 2-10 per cluster. They are in the axils of leaves or on the leaf scars. The fruit are round or oval and 2-3.5 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. There are 1-2 seeds. The fruit are edible

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur in freshwater and dryland lowland forests. They can grow up to 1,600 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

PICTURES



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