PLANT FACT SHEET

Palaquium obovatum (Griff.) Engler

GENUS *Palaquium* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES White gutta, Katapong gutta-percha

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap, Fruit

The bark contains white latex used for making sweets.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 40 m high. The trunk can be 40 cm across. The bark is red brown. The leaves are oval or egg shaped. They are 6-45 cm long by 3-17 cm wide. The flowering stalks have up to 10 flowers. The flowers are The fruit are round berries are 2-3 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It usually grows in tropical evergreen dense forest. It occurs below 800 m altitude. It can be up to 1,300 m above sea level. It can be on limestone.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

PICTURES



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