PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros mannii Hiern

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Zevelu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The irritating hairs are ribbed off then the fruit cut open into sections.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 7-10 m high. It can be 20 m tall. Young shoots have rusty coloured hairs. The branches are often in rings. The leaves are oval but taper to the tip. They are 12 cm long by 5 cm wide. They are hairy on both surfaces. The fruit are orange. They are 10 cm across. They have red irritating hairs on the skin. The fruit sections have one seed each.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the rainforest. It suits humid locations. It is shade tolerant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be raised from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing. It takes 10 years to get to fruit bearing.

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