PLANT FACT SHEET

Hasseltiopsis dioica (Benth.) Sleumer

GENUS *Hasseltiopsis* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6-10 m tall. The trunk can be 20 cm across. The young branches are hairy. The leaves are alternate and oblong and 3-5 cm long. They taper to the tip. There are 3-7 flowers in a group. The flowers are greenish yellow. The fruit is a fleshy round berry 1 cm across. It is black at maturity. There are 8-10 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 950-2,200 m above sea level.

NOTES

These were also put in the family Tiliaceae.

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