PLANT FACT SHEET

Horsfieldia sylvestris (Hout.) Warb

GENUS *Horsfieldia* **FAMILY** Myristicaceae

COMMON NAMES Blood horsfieldia tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, leaves - condiment, Spice

The flesh around the seed is eaten raw. They are sour.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 15-20 m tall with fairly straight trunk and long narrow leaves. The leaves droop. The leaves are mid green above and more pale underneath. The yellow pointed fruit hang singly on short stalks along the branches. The fruit is orange on the outside with yellow flesh around a red coated seed. Male and female flowers are separate.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. The tree occurs in the Moluccas and PNG, but not in the New Guinea Islands. They occur in primary forest on sandy or clayey soils. They are mainly in the coastal plain. They probably need some shade in the seedling stage.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Trees are planted from seeds.

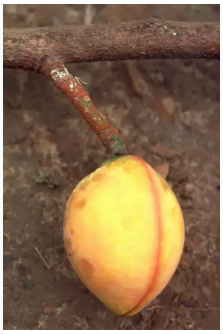
NOTES

There are about 88 Horsfieldia species.

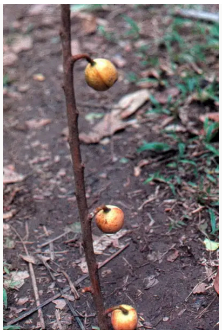
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