PLANT FACT SHEET

Pimelodendron amboinicum (Miq.) Hassk.

GENUS *Pimelodendron* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Mamina tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are eaten and taste like hazel nuts.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 10-20 m high. It spreads 5-15 m across. The trunk is 50 cm across. The sap is milky. It hardens and turns bright yellow. The bark is smooth and light brown. It is 0.8 cm thick. The leaf stalks have 2 prominent swollen glands neat the leaf end. The leaves are alternate. The leaves are 8-15 cm long by 6-12 cm wide. They are oval and crowded towards the ends of the small branches. The edges of the leaves are slightly wavy. The leaves are dark green and they taper to the tip. The flowers are in groups which are 2-5 cm long. They occur in clusters in the axils of leaves or from the old wood. The flowers are yellow and 0.3 cm across. The flowers are of one sex and without petals. The fruit are 1.5-2 cm across. They are round or pear shaped and pink or red. There is one large seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforests. In Papua New Guinea it grows up to 800 m altitude. It can be near rivers and on the edge of swamp forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed.

NOTES

There are 5-8 Pimeleodendron species.

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