PLANT FACT SHEET

Sapindus emarginatus Vahl

GENUS *Sapindus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Notched leaf soapnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A medium to large tree. It grows 18 m tall. The trunk is 50 cm across. The bark is grey and shiny and has rough falling scales. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 12-30 cm long. There are 2-3 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are white. The fruit are fleshy and have 2-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry deciduous forest.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India it flowers in October to December.

NOTES

The fruit are used in medicine.

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