PLANT FACT SHEET

Sarcotheca diversifolia (Miq.) Hallier f.

GENUS *Sarcotheca* **FAMILY** Oxalidaceae

COMMON NAMES Belimbing hutan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten as a vegetable or added to curries.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 30 m high. The trunk is 90 cm across. The trunk is fluted and the buttresses are 2 m high. The bark is reddish brown. The leaves are arranged in spirals. They are papery to thinly leathery. They are oval or sword shaped. There are side leaflets 3-9.5 cm long by 1-4 cm wide with end leaflets 5.5-18 cm long by 2-7 cm wide. The tip has a long point. The base tapers narrowly. There are 1-5 pairs of secondary veins. The stalks of the leaflets are 4-7 mm long. They are jointed. The flowering cluster is made up of 1-4 loosely branched panicles. They are 13.5 cm long. The flowers are pink to red. The fruit are greenish yellow. They are 16-31 mm long by 9-20 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the tropical lowland forest and up to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruiting is seasonal with 2 seasons per year.

NOTES

There are 11 Sarcotheca species.

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