PLANT FACT SHEET

Shorea mecistopteryx Ridl.

GENUS *Shorea* **FAMILY** Dipterocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Illipe nuts, Kawang meranti tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts - oil

The oil is used in the chocolate industry.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 60 m tall. The trunk can be 160 cm across. It has buttresses 2 m tall. The leaves are oblong and 13-20 cm long by 6-10 cm wide. The base is heart shaped and they are golden woolly underneath. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit is an oval nut with yellowish hairs. There are 3 longer calyx lobes 23 cm long by 3.3 cm wide and 2 shorter lobes.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in primary and secondary forests and on low hills up to 400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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