PLANT FACT SHEET

Sterculia parkinsonii F. Mueller

GENUS *Sterculia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Gwa'u

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

Children eat the seeds of the ripe fruit.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized lowland rainforest tree. It grows 40 m tall. It has large buttresses up to 3 m high and 3 m wide. The leaves are simple and entire. They are broadly oval and 12-40 cm long by 10-35 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves or towards the ends of branches. The seeds are oblong and 1-2.3 cm long. They are black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on Rennell Island around swamps. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

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