PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis psilophylla Soepadmo

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall. The trunk is 50 cm across. The bark is smooth or has fine cracks. The leaves are thin and leathery. They are smooth on both surfaces. They are oval and 8-15 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowering stalks are separately male and female of mixed. The male flowering stalks are 6-8 cm long and the flowers are in clusters of 3. The female and mixed flowering stalks are 6-8 cm long and have flowers in clusters of 3-4. The fruit cup is pear shaped and 2-3 cm across. It has a golden coating. There are 3-5 nuts in each cup.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in primary forest up to 1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 120 Castanopsis species. Many have edible nuts.

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