PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysophyllum lanceolatum var. stellatocarpon P. Royen

GENUS *Chrysophyllum* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 10-20 m tall. The branches are yellow and hairy. The leaf stalk is 2-7 mm long. The leaf blade is oval or sword shaped. Leaves are 5-12 cm long by 1.7-4 cm wide. They are papery with rust coloured hairs on both surfaces. The fruit are brown to purplish black. They are round but slightly flattened. The fruit are 5 ribbed and 1.5-3 cm across. They have between 1 and 5 seeds. The seeds are compressed and with a thick seed coat.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical and subtropical locations. They occur in mid altitude forests in Guangdong, Guangxi provinces in China. In Assam it grows to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed should be planted fresh.

NOTES

The roots and leaves are used medicinally. There are about 80-150 Chrysophyllum species. They are mostly in tropical America. There are 44 species in tropical America.

Now Chrysophyllum roxburghii

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