PLANT FACT SHEET

Palaquium rostratum (Miq.) Burck.

GENUS *Palaquium* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Nyatoh terung tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - oil

The ripe fruit are eaten. They are green and sweet.
The seeds yield a fat suitable for cooking. It can be bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 60 m high. The trunk is 210 cm across. There can be buttresses 4 m high and 1 m wide. The bark is cracked and flaky. The twigs are 2-8 mm thick. Young twigs have brown hairs. The leaves are scattered along the twigs or clustered near the tips. They are leathery to papery. They are fattened oval shape. They are 5-22 cm long by 2.5-9 cm wide. The edge of the leaf is wavy. There are 10-28 pairs of secondary veins. These join in loops near the edge of the leaf. The flowers are yellow or greenish-white. There are 1-5 per cluster. These occur in the axils of leaves or on leaf scars. The fruit are oblong and 1.5-3.5 cm long by 0.8-1.6 cm wide. There is 1 seed inside. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in freshwater and peat swamps. They also grow in lowland and hill forests up to 1,500 m altitude. It is mostly on sandy soils but can be on clay or limestone soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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