PLANT FACT SHEET

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It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Osmoxylon novoguineense (Scheff.) Becc.

GENUS *Osmoxylon* **FAMILY** Araliaceae

COMMON NAMES Old man's hand

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 3 m tall. The leaves are large and hand shaped and compound with deep lobes. The leaflets have teeth along the edge. The leaves can be 1 m across. The base of the leaf is wrinkled. The flowers are in a large round cluster. The fruit are a shiny green.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

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