PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Maranthes goetzeniana* (Engl.) Prance

**GENUS** *Maranthes* **FAMILY** Chrysobalanaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Nuts, Seed

The fruit are used in desserts.
The kernel inside the hard stones are eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A evergreen tree. It grows 20-35 m tall. The crown is wide and rounded. The bark is grey. The leaf blade is 15 cm long by 8 cm wide. The flowers are in a panicle at the end of branches. They are 15 cm long by 25 cm wide. The fruit is fleshy and 4.5 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. They are black.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist evergreen forest at low and medium altitudes. It grows between 300-1,500 m altitude. It grows in dry soils. It can grow in arid places. It can grow in the lowlands.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected between September and December.

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