PLANT FACT SHEET

Pentaspadon motleyi Hook.f.

GENUS *Pentaspadon* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES White pelong tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Seeds - oil

Seeds are eaten fresh or roasted.
The oil from the seeds is squeezed over food.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It can be 15-50 m high. The trunk can be 70-80 cm across. The bark is smooth and light brown. The bark can be cracked along its length and flake off irregularly. It has buttresses which can be high and wide. The leaves are made up of 4-5 pairs of leaflets. These are thin and rough and oblong. They can be 6-13 cm long and 2-6 cm wide or larger. The leaf tapers towards the tip. Twigs and new growth are red. The flower panicles are up to 31 cm long. The flowers are cream coloured. The fruit can be 3-5 cm long by 2-3 cm across. They have a rough surface. The seed is oval and 2-4 cm long by 1-2 cm across. Black fruit (fallen on ground). Edible fruit.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows naturally in lowland rainforest. It often occurs in places that are flooded at times during the year. It is mostly from sea level to 75 m altitude but occasionally grows up to 300 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows rapidly in the early stages. Flowering is March to December and fruiting from January to December.

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