PLANT FACT SHEET

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

Macaranga denticulata (Blume) Mull.Arg.

GENUS *Macaranga* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 18 m tall. The trunk has shield shape leaf scars. The twigs are angled. The leaves are simple and alternate. They have red-brown hairs underneath. There are many flowers in a group. The male and female flowers are on different trees. The fruit are 8 mm long. They are capsules that split open in 2 sections. They are 2 seeds with a thin orange aril or fleshy layer around them.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in secondary forest. In southern China it grows between 100-1,300 m above sea level.

NOTES

It has medicinal uses.
The tree is used to enrich nutrients in paddy field fallows.

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