PLANT FACT SHEET

Maesopsis eminii Engl.

GENUS *Maesopsis* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Hornbill's calabash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - oil

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 35 m high. The trunk 22 m long and is 80 cm across. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are almost alternate and simple. They are 8-15 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The fruit are small and fleshy. They are 3 cm long by 2 cm wide. There is one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest and needs a wet climate. It is often grown as a shade tree for coffee, cacao and cardamon. It grows in moist forests between 700-1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds. Seeds are removed from the fruit and washed and dried. Before planting they are soaked in water for 3 days

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing and short lived.

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