PLANT FACT SHEET

Durio graveolens Becc.

GENUS *Durio* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Red-fleshed durian

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The aril or layer around the seeds is eaten. It is used for relish and fish soup.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 45 m tall. It has buttresses up to 3 m high at the base. The fruit is round or oval. It can be 10-15 cm across. The fruit is orange-yellow. It has sharp pyramid shaped spines up to 1 cm long. The fruit breaks open into 5 sections. The seeds are oval and 4 cm long by 2 cm wide. The aril or layer around the seeds is dark red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rain forests up to 1300 m altitude. In Cairns Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seeds. Seeds germinate in 5-19 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower 6 years after sowing.

NOTES

There are about 20 Durio species. Also put in the family Durionaceae. In the subfamily Bombacoideae.

PICTURES



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