PLANT FACT SHEET

Antidesma stipulare Blume

GENUS *Antidesma* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Sulaketan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are edible and also used to provide a red colour to food.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-5 m tall. The leaves are alternate and narrowly oval to oblong or sword shaped. They are 15-27 cm long by 4-9 cm wide. They are pointed at the tip. The midrib is hairy underneath. The male and female flowers are separate. Male flowers are in spikes 6-15 cm long. The fruit is fleshy and purple to black. There is one seed in each fruit.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests and on the edges of forests between 5-1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They can also be grown by grafting or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 100-170 Antidesma species.

PICTURES



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