PLANT FACT SHEET

Chytranthus obliquinervis Radlk. ex Engl.

GENUS *Chytranthus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are collected and eaten raw as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 15 m tall. The trunk has few branches but then a crown of very large leaves. The bark is grey to brown and smooth. The leaves have an odd number of leaflets. There are 7-12 pairs. The leaf stalk is 35-100 cm long. The lower leaflets are small and about 2 cm long while the upper leaflets can be 45 cm long. The flowers are on clusters on the trunk. They are 5-15 cm long. They are white to a yellow green. The fruit is fleshy and has 3 lobes. It is softly hairy when young.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland forest. It can be on sand or coral and along rivers. It grows from sea level to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are collected from May to June.

NOTES

It is a rare species only occurring in a few places.

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