PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia mangostana var. malaccensis (Hook. f.) Nazre

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

COMMON NAMES Forest mangosteen

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The flesh is acid-sweet and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It can be 24 m tall tree. The leaves have leaf stalk 2 cm long. They are leathery and oval to oblong. They are 7-26 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. The are dark shiny green and have a wedge shaped base. Male and female flowers are separate and near the ends of branches. Male flowers are in groups of 4-6. Fruit are flattened oval berries 4.5 cm across. They are green and ripen to pink or red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hot, wet and humid tropical climates. It grows in the lowlands and up to 540 m above sea level. It can grow in shade and is best in well-drained soils rich in organic matter.

NOTES

There are about 300 Garcinia species.

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