PLANT FACT SHEET

Xerospermum noronhianum (Blume) Blume

GENUS *Xerospermum* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Rambutan pachat

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds coat, Fruit

The fleshy layer around the seeds is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can be 30 m high. The trunk can be 80 cm across. There are sometimes buttresses. The twigs have small hairs at the beginning. The leaves are alternate and compound. The leaflets are usually oval. Leaves are 50 cm long by 30 cm wide. The flowers are white to yellow and 4 mm across. They are in panicles. The flowering cluster is 25 cm long. The fruit has a swollen stalk. The fruit has lobes. The fruit is 1.7-5 cm long by 1.2-5 cm wide. The fruit are dark green when young and yellow when ripe. The seeds have a fleshy layer or aril around them. It is yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in a range of soils and forests usually up to 300 m but it can be higher. It is mostly on hillsides and alluvial sites. It grows on sandy and clay soils. It grows in forests up to 1,500 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

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