PLANT FACT SHEET

Planchonella chartacea (F. Muell. ex Benth.) H. J. Lam.

GENUS *Planchonella* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Thin Leafed Coondoo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 12-20 m high. It spreads 4-10 m wide. The leaves are simple and 4-19 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. They can be broadly oval or spoon shaped. They are thin and papery. The leaves are dark green and shiny above and dull underneath. The broken stems produce milky latex. The flowers are 0.5 cm long and cream-green. They occur in clusters of 4-7 in the axils of leaves. The fruit are 15-22 mm long by 5-15 mm wide. They hang singly or in clusters in the axils of leaves. As the fruit ripens it turns from red to black. There are 2-5 seeds and these are 9-20 mm long by 3-7 mm wide. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical rainforest. They need good drainage. It needs good light and fertile soil. It grows from sea level to 750 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed.

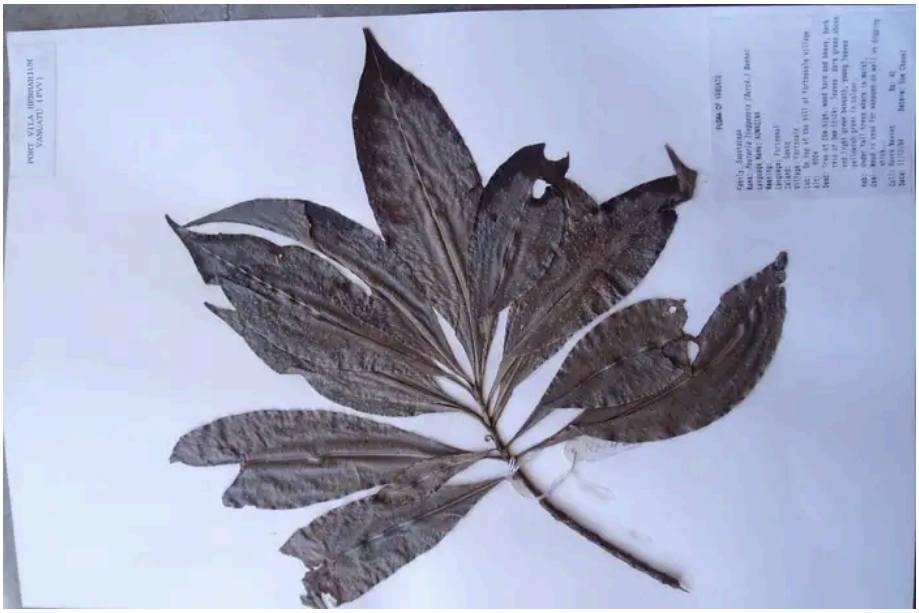
Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 100 Planchonella species. They are mostly in Asia and the Pacific.

PICTURES



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