PLANT FACT SHEET

Sterculia pexa Pierre

GENUS *Sterculia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Woolly pingpo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are eaten after boiling. They are used in stir fries.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 5-10 m high. The young branches are chalky white. The leaves are compound. They have leaflets arranged like fingers on a hand. There are 7-9 leaflets. They are 9-23 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. The flowers are greenish-white. The fruit are follicles. These are 4-9 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The outside is woody. The seeds are oblong and 1.5 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are shiny black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open deciduous forest or dry evergreen forest. In Thailand it grows between 100-900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Thailand it flowers from September to December and fruits January to March.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

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