PLANT FACT SHEET

Chydenanthus excelsus (Blume) Miers

GENUS *Chydenanthus* **FAMILY** Lecythidaceae

COMMON NAMES Besole tree, Kolowe tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts, Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows about 8-28 m high. The branches are broadly spreading and drooping. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are long and pointed. They are 14-27 cm long by 5-10 cm wide. The flowering panicle is 10-17 cm long. The flowers are pink to white. The fruit are a capsule that is brown when ripe. There are 2 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests and mangroves. It grows between 10-200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

The seeds are used as a fish poison.

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