PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Musa maclayi* F.Muell ex Miklouho-Maclay

**GENUS** *Musa* **FAMILY** Musaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Fei banana

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit is eaten.
CAUTION After eating the fruit, the faeces and urine become red.

## DESCRIPTION

A dark green stemmed banana with an upright bunch of fruit. The plant has red sap. The fruit is largely seedless.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur in small numbers in many areas of PNG. It occurs from sea level up to 2,000 m above sea level.

## NOTES

There are about 30 Musa species.

## PICTURES



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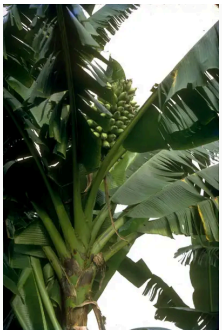

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