PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis mekongensis A. Camus

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seed, Nuts

The seed or nut is eaten raw. It is also roasted.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 20 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 15-25 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The seeds or nuts are oblong and 15-20 mm across. They are in a capsule that is round and 5-6 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in Yunnan in China. It grows in forest between 600-2,000 m above sea level.

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