PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis diversifolia (Kurz) King ex Hook. f.

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It keeps most of its leaves throughout the year. The tree is 20 m tall. The bark is grey-brown and cracked. The leaves are oval and 8-24 cm long by 4-12 cm wide. The leaf stalk is softly hairy. The nuts are red-brown. They are 20-25 mm across. They are in a capsule that is spiny.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is best with fertile and well drained soil. In Laos it grows between 1,000-1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Seeds are slow to germinate and seedlings grow slowly.

Harvesting and Seed Production

There are about 200 nuts per kg. In Laos nuts ripen in October.

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