PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Siphonodon celastrineus* Griff.

**GENUS** *Siphonodon* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Ivory wood tree

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 10-35 m high. The trunk is 20-70 cm across. It can have buttresses. Leaves are simple and oblong. They are 10-20 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They are papery and shiny. The base is wedge shaped and it tapers towards the tip. There are 20-22 pairs of side veins. The leaf stalk is 1 cm long. The flowers are white and occur in clusters of 3. The fruit is a nut 3-4 cm long by 2.5-3.5 cm wide. The fruit are apple shaped and orange-yellow. There is a fleshy layer around the fruit. The flesh is edible. There are many hard seeds.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs sunlight. It can tolerate drought. It grows in monsoon or dry mixed forests up to 1,300 m above sea level.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

## NOTES

There are 7 Siphonodon species.

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