PLANT FACT SHEET

Dillenia megalantha Merr.

GENUS *Dillenia* **FAMILY** Dilleniaceae

COMMON NAMES Philippine dillenia tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fleshy green portion of the fruit is eaten raw. It can be used for preserves.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 20-40 m tall. The trunk can be 40 cm across. The leaves are oblong and 25-70 cm long by 8-25 cm wide. The leaf stalks have wings. The leaves are leathery and prominently toothed. The flowers are yellow and 10 cm across. The fruit are large and round. It is 5-7.5 cm across. It has fleshy sepals around it. There is 1 seed. The seed are 6 mm long by 4 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In the Philippines occurs only from Quezon, Camarines, Sorsogon, Samar and Leyte growing in primary forest at low altitudes. It grows up to 1000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds and cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 60 Dillenia species.

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