PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia celebica L.

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

COMMON NAMES Seashore mangosteen, Celebes mangosteen tree, Kiras tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The dried crimson coloured rind is used as a relish in curries.
The pulp can be fermented into vinegar.
The fruit are eaten raw or used in preserves. The fruit are slightly acid with a pleasant flavour.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 9-18 m tall. It can grow 35 m tall. The stems have white or yellow latex. The leaves are opposite and simple. The leaves are narrowly oval and 15 cm long by 8 cm wide. The flowers are of separate sexes. The male flowers are in groups at the ends of the shoots and the female flowers occur singly. They are red outside and yellow inside. The flowers are 22 mm across. They are in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a round berry. It is 5 cm across. It is green when young and becomes yellow or red when ripe. There are several seeds. The seeds have a fleshy layer or aril around them.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on sandy and rocky coasts. It grows in forests up to 1,400 m above sea level. It grows in evergreen forests and moist deciduous forests. It can be on limestone. At ECHO.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE Thailand fruit are available April to May.

NOTES

There are about 300 Garcinia species.

PICTURES



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