PLANT FACT SHEET

Litsea garciae S. Vidal

GENUS *Litsea* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Kangkala laurel tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked. The fruit is often rolled or bruised slightly before eating.
The fruit can be used with icecream or milkshakes.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m high. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The branches are stout. The leaves are alternate. The leaf stalk is stout and 1.5-2.5 cm long. The leaf blade is oval and 25-40 cm long by 6-15 cm wide. There are 16-20 pairs of side veins. There are a net like pattern of veins. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and 2.2-3 cm across. They are red-orange at maturity. The flesh is creamy white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen, broad leafed forests. It grows up to 200 m above sea level. It can grow in warm temperate regions.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds. It can be grown by air-layering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees fruit after 4-6 years.

NOTES

There are 200 or 400 Litsea species.

PICTURES



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