PLANT FACT SHEET

Sterculia rhinopetala K. Schum.

GENUS *Sterculia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Sterculia Brown

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Wood ash - salt

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows to 40 m high and is 4 m around the trunk. It has buttresses that can be 3 m high. The bark is grey-brown and flakes into small squares. The small branches have red hairs when young. The leaves are 10-30 cm long by 3-16 cm wide. They are oblong and rounded at the base. The stalks are 3-11 cm long. The fruit are made up of 4-5 brown, boat shaped cells. Each one is 5-7 cm long. The seeds are enclosed in red arils or seed covering. The fruit split along the top side to expose the seeds. There are 8 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the lowland rainforest. It suits humid locations. It suits drier types of forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They germinate in 10 days. It germinates in the dark but then needs sunlight to grow.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

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