PLANT FACT SHEET

Mammea siamensis (Miq.) T. Anderson

GENUS *Mammea* **FAMILY** Calophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Thai starfruit tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit and pulp around the seeds is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized evergreen tree. It is often 15-20 m tall. The trunk can be 25-30 cm across. The bark is grey or black and flaky. The flowers are yellow and have a nice smell. The fruit is tapered at the tip. It is 2.5-4 cm long and 1.2-2.5 cm across. The fruit are yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is found in monsoon tropical forests. It grows on hills from 500 m altitude. It grows best in areas with a distinct wet and dry season. It grows in deep, wet, fertile and well drained soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 27 Mammea species. They grow in the tropics. Also put in the family Clusiaceae.

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