PLANT FACT SHEET

Bhesa indica (Bedd.) Ding Hou

GENUS *Bhesa* **FAMILY** Centroplacaceae

COMMON NAMES Buku-buku, Biku-biku

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten. They don't have much taste.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall. The bark is smooth and brown. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are in spirals or clustered at the ends of twigs. The leaf stalks are 3-5 cm long and swollen at the ends. The leaf blade is 10-18 cm long by 5-9 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and taper to a short tip. The flowers are in panicles at the ends of branches. They are small and white. The fruit is a red capsule with 2 lobes. There is one seed in each lobe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in wet evergreen forests. It grows between 900-1,600 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the family Celastraceae.

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