PLANT FACT SHEET

Hylenaea comosa (Sw.) Miers

GENUS *Hylenaea* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Karoshiri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A liana or creeper. It can be a slender tree with climbing branches. The leaves are opposite. The flowers are often grouped into clusters of 3-8 in the axils of leaves and on the ends of small branches. These are 7-20 cm long. There are many flowers. The fruit is a capsule made up of capsules that spread out. These are attached to large swollen stalks. They are 8-10 cm long by 5-7 cm wide and 1-2 cm thick. They are green. There are 2-4 seeds. These are brown and oval. They are 4-7 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests near rivers.

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