PLANT FACT SHEET

Gnetum edule (Willd.) Blume

GENUS *Gnetum* **FAMILY** Gnetaceae

COMMON NAMES Keluat, Indian jointfir

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A large woody climber. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems have swollen nodes. The leaves are opposite and narrowly oval and have stalks. They are simple. They are 8-18 cm long and 5-10 cm wide. The flowers are of separate sexes. The male flowers are in spike like cones. These spikes are 3-5 cm long. These are in loose groups. The female flowers often occur singly. They can be on the stems. The fruit are red, orange or yellow. There is a fleshy coat over the seed. The fruit is fleshy and 8-25 mm long. There is a single hard seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests under shade. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

NOTES

There are about 28 Gnetum species.

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