PLANT FACT SHEET

Micropholis obscura Pennington

GENUS *Micropholis* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Obscure micropholis

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have a sweet pulp.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 35 m high. The trunk can be 85 cm across. It has buttresses 1.5 m high. Young shoots have fine hairs. The leaves are spaced and alternate. They are 6.7-13 cm long by 3.5-5.3 cm wide. They are narrowly oval or sword shaped. The flowers have both sexes. They occur in tufts of 5-15 in the axils of leaves. The flowers are greenish-white or pale yellow. They have a scent. The fruit is 2-3 cm long. They are oval. The fruit are yellow. The fruit is edible. There is one seed. It is 1.8 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest which seasonally loses many leaves. It grows between 200-400 m altitude.

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