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Inocarpus papuanus Kostermans

GENUS *Inocarpus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seed is possibly eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree very similar to Inocarpus fagifer. Trees are 25 m tall. The bark is brownish grey. It peels off in smooth rectangular pieces. The leaves are oblong and 9-33 cm long by 4-12 cm wide. There are hairs on the midrib. There are 10-14 side veins. The flower clusters are 8 cm long. They have a scent. They are covered with dense brown hairs when young. The pods are red and 3-5 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The seeds are 3 cm long and 1.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest. It occurs between 15 and 30 m altitude and near the sea.

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