PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium masukuense (Baker) R. E. Fr.

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Small-fruited waterberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15 m tall. The bark is dark grey and scaly. The young stems are angular or winged. The leaves are simple and opposite. The leaf blades are 5-11 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They are sword shaped and rounded or heart shaped at the base and taper to the tip. The flowers are white and occur as many in groups at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves. The fruit is oval and fleshy. It is purple.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mountain forests. It grows between 1,700-2,500 m above sea level. It can be in dry areas.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected from April to June.

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