PLANT FACT SHEET

Canarium sp.

GENUS *Canarium* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Nakeo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The outside layer of the fruit is eaten after cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A fairly large tree 20-30 m high. The leaves are oval 15-18 cm by 7-8 cm. The leaves are dark green and shiny on the upper surface and dull and lighter green underneath. Fruit are grouped tightly together. They are small blue/black fruit oval and 2-3 cm by 3-4 cm. The young fruit are green and turn blue when mature. There is a large seed inside.

Probably Canarium indicum or possibly Canarium acutifolium - as it grows in this area.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Coastal.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The trees are planted from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruiting is seasonal. (Fruiting Aug. '82 in Papua New Guinea.)

NOTES

There are 80-95 Canarium species.

PICTURES



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