PLANT FACT SHEET

Sideroxylon foetidissimum Jacq.

GENUS *Sideroxylon* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Mastic, Mastic jungleplum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows up to 25 m tall. The leaves are simple and yellowish-green. They are oblong and 20 cm long. The flowers are small and creamy-yellow. They clasp the twigs. They have a smell like cheese. The fruit is fleshy with a stone. They are 2.5 cm across. They are deep yellow and sour. They have a gummy latex.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to Central America and the West Indies. It grows in dry coastal forests and woodlands. It can tolerate drought and salt. It need full sun and does best in a fertile, well drained soil. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed need treatment before they will grow.

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