PLANT FACT SHEET

Balakata baccata (Roxb.) Esser

GENUS *Balakata* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Mousedeer's rubber tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are mealy, sweet and sometimes eaten as a flavouring.
The young fruit are boiled and eaten as a vegetable.
The ripe fruit are sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A large evergreen tree. It grows 30 m tall. The trunk is 60 cm across. The young branches are usually in rings. The leaves are oval and 8-22 cm long by 4-11 cm wide. They are pale underneath. The fruit are black. They have 1 or 2 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests and near streams between 600-700 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Nagaland fruit are available September to November.

NOTES

There are about 100 Sapium species. Most are tropical.

PICTURES



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