PLANT FACT SHEET

Palaquium amboinense Burck

GENUS *Palaquium* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Gutta-percha tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 40 m tall. The trunk can be 60 cm across. The bark is reddish-brown and rough. It has white milky sap. The leaves are simple and arranged in spirals. They are 7-16 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They are more pale underneath. The flowering shoots are in the axils of leaves. There are 1-6 flowers in a group and they are 4-6 mm long and can be white, yellow or pale green. The fruit is a fleshy berry. It occurs singly and is 4-5 cmlong. It is red to brown. There is one seed in a fruit and it is 1-10 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland forests and up to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 120 Palaquium species. They occur in Asia and the Pacific.

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