PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis argentea (Blume) A. DC.

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Indonesian chestnut tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seeds (nuts) are eaten after boiling, roasting or frying.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 15-30 m high. The bark is dark grey and cracked. The trunk can be 1 m across. The trunk can be without branches for 25 m. The leaves are thin and leathery. They are 13-16 cm long by 5-7 cm wide. They are silvery grey underneath. The flowers are bell shaped with 6 lobes. The fruit is in a cup 3-4 cm across with 3 fruit.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests between 150-1,400 m altitude. It grows in dry fertile soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 120 Castanopsis species. Many have edible nuts.

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