PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Garcinia cochinchinensis* (Lour.) Choisy

**GENUS** *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Fake mangosteen

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are used to make foods acid. It is also used as a flavouring in place of vinegar.
The fruit can be cut and dried and stored.
The leaves are used as a condiment with fish.
The fruit can be eaten fresh when very ripe.

## DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 10-15 m tall. The trunk is black. The tree has yellow latex. The leaves are simple and leathery. Flowers can be male or of both sexes. They are in dense groups in or near the axils of leaves. The fruit are fleshy with 1-3 large seeds. The fruit is yellow or reddish colour when ripe. The pulp is juicy and acid.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in flooded forests or on plains.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

## NOTES

There are about 300 Garcinia species.

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