PLANT FACT SHEET

Myristica hollrungii Warb.

GENUS *Myristica* **FAMILY** Myristicaceae

COMMON NAMES Mangrove nutmeg, Papua nutmeg tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree up to 40 m tall with a straight trunk and buttress roots. Twigs have 2 raised lines along them between the leaves. The leaf stalk is 3 cm long and 0.3 mm wide. The leaf is 20-35 cm long x 5-13 cm wide. The base of the leaf is rounded and the tip tapers. The midrib and veins are sunken on the top of the leaf and raised underneath. The veins are almost parallel with fine networks between them. The male flower cluster is a woody scar covered knob. The male flowers have stalks 6 mm long. The female flowers are similar to the male flowers but with thicker shorter stalks. The fruit are oval and 3-6 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. Fruits are yellow with a red covered seed inside. The seed is 3 cm long by 1.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Trees are often just behind the mangrove swamps. They can grow up to 920 m altitude. They grow in the lowland rainforests, by rivers and streams.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Trees grow wild from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruiting is seasonal

NOTES

There are about 120 Myristica species. They grow in the tropics.

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