PLANT FACT SHEET

Drypetes natalensis (Harv.) Hutch.

GENUS *Drypetes* **FAMILY** Putranjivaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. The crown is dense and rounded. It grows 9-15 m tall. The trunk is 30 cm across. Flowers occur in the trunk and large branches. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruit is a flattened round shape and 27 mm long by 33 mm across. They are yellow-brown to orange.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry evergreen forest and along rivers. It grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level.

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