PLANT FACT SHEET

Memecylon caeruleum Jack

GENUS *Memecylon* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The leaves and fruit are occasionally eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-6 m tall. The stems are angular. The leaves are oblong and 8-11 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. The flowers are in clusters in the axils of leaves. The petals are white or greenish yellow but pale blue towards the base. The fruit are pink to red and turn purple to black as they ripen. They are oval and 1-1.5 cm across. They are juicy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near the coast. It grows in forests between 900-1,200 m above sea level in southern China. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

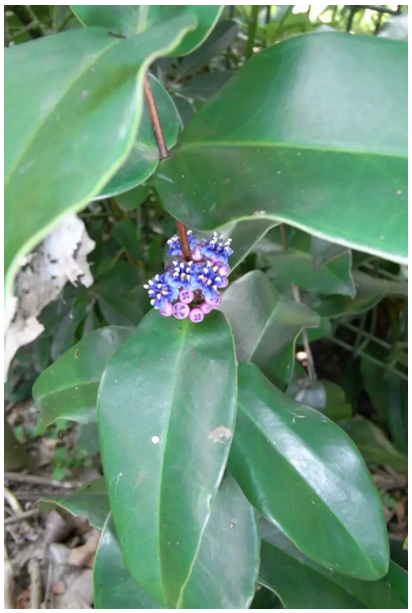
Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower April to August and fruit December to January.

NOTES

There are about 300 Memecylon species. Also put in the family Memecylaceae.

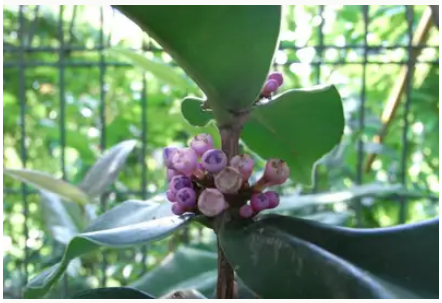
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