PLANT FACT SHEET

Canarium megalanthum Merr.

GENUS *Canarium* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Kedondong keruing

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seeds or nuts are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree up to 40 m high. The trunk can be 60-70 cm across. It does not have buttresses. The small branches are 0.5-1 cm thick. They have rusty hairs. The leafy structures (stipules) on the leaf stalks are 0.5 cm from the base and deeply 3-4 lobed. The leaves have 4-5 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are oval or long and 9-20 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They are leathery and the base is wedge shaped while the tip tapers to a point. There are 13-19 pairs of faint slightly curved veins. The flower clusters are near the ends of branches. These are 25 cm long for female clusters and 25-30 cm long for male flower clusters. Male clusters have about 10 flowers while female clusters have few flowers. The fruit clusters are 25 cm long and with 4-5 fruit. The fruit are oval and triangular in cross section. The fruit can be 5 cm long. The seed are thin and long. They are 1.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in rainforests from sea level to 360 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowers have been recorded in March and August and fruit from May to July.

NOTES

Related to Canarium denticulatum and possibly the same as Canarium karoense. There are 80-95 Canarium species.

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