PLANT FACT SHEET

Magnolia balansae Aug. DC.

GENUS *Magnolia* **FAMILY** Magnoliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - spice

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The trunk is 60 cm across. The trunk is straight. The bark is greyish brown. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are broadly oval and 10-20 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. There are silvery hairs underneath. The flowers are in the axils of leaves and have a scent. The fruit is compound with many separate follicles. These are 30-45 mm long by 15-18 mm wide. They split by 2 valves when ripe. There are 1-5 seeds in each follicle. The seeds are red when mature.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows below 1,000 m above sea level.

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