PLANT FACT SHEET

Planchonella sp.

GENUS *Planchonella* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The outside flesh around the large seed is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

Several species occur in Papua New Guinea. A large tree up to 30 m high with white milky sap. The fruit is round about 4 cm across and borne in clusters on the branches. The fruit is green when young and black when ripe. Leaves are large. The fruit has a large seed inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Fruiting is seasonal. (Fruiting in Aug '82). Fruit falls and is collected from the ground.

NOTES

There are about 100 Planchonella species. They are mostly in Asia and the Pacific.

PICTURES



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