PLANT FACT SHEET

Knema globularia (Lam.) Warb.

GENUS *Knema* **FAMILY** Myristicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seed - spice

The seed is used as a spice.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15 m tall. The trunks is 10-25 cm across. The bark if grey brown and flaking. Young branches are hairy. The leaves are oval to sword shaped and 10-20 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are pale underneath. Male and female flowers are separate. Fruit occur as 1-5 in a group and are narrowly oval. They are 2 cm long by 1 cm wide. They have a red aril covering the seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in low hilly forests and moist mountain slopes in southern China. It grows between 200-1,000 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower December to March and fruit July to September.

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