PLANT FACT SHEET

Manilkara butugi Chiov.

GENUS *Manilkara* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tall tree. It grows 50 m high. The trunk is straight and slender. There are buttresses at the base. The bark is rough and grooved. It is grey-brown. When cut is has a white latex. The leaves are oval and at the ends of the small branches. They are 7-20 cm wide. They are leathery and dull green above and grey underneath. The edges are wavy. They narrow towards the stalk. The flowers are white. They have a scent. They are small and in groups near leaves. The fruit are small and 2 cm across. They are yellow-brown when ripe. They have 4-5 brown seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Ethiopia it grows in lowland and highland forest. It grows between 1,600-2,600 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The fruit usually ripen during the dry season when food is scarce.

NOTES

There are about 75 Manilkara species.

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