PLANT FACT SHEET

Maesa ambrymensis Guillaumin

GENUS *Maesa* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 4-6 m tall. The leaves are simple and dark green. They are rounded and 7-19 cm long by 5-11 cm wide. There are 5-10 pairs of veins. The leaf stalk is 1-5 cm long. The flowers are in a group in the axils of leaves. The flowers are small and 2 mm across with 5 white petals. There are many fruit. They are white and fleshy when mature. They are 3 mm across.

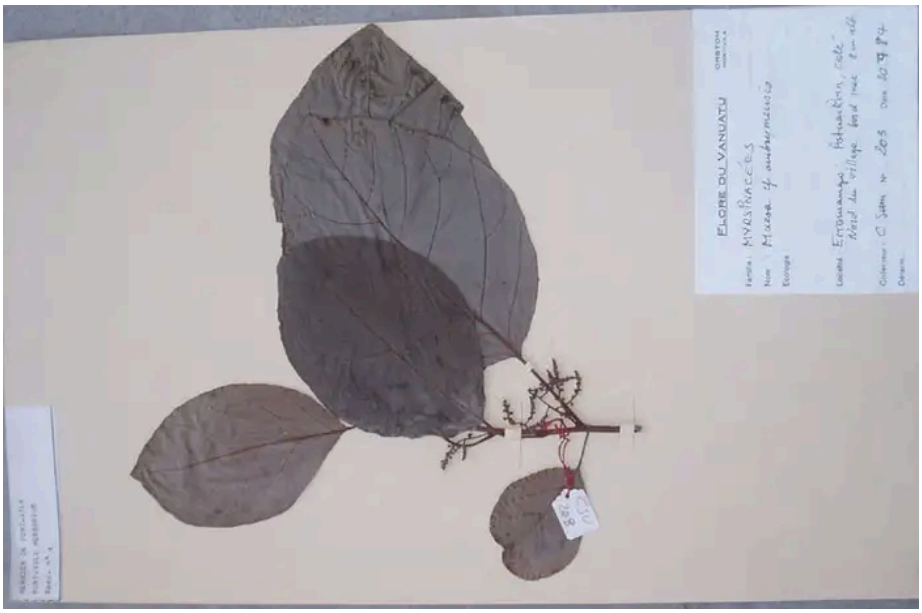
HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Vanuatu it grows up to 800 m altitude. It grows in secondary forest.

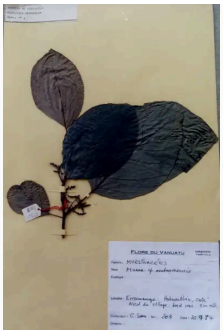
NOTES

There are about 100 Maesa species. There is only one genus is the family Maesaceae. They are also put in the family Myrsinaceae. They grow in the tropics and subtropics. They are also put in the family Maesaceae.

PICTURES



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