PLANT FACT SHEET

Artocarpus vriesianus Miq.

GENUS *Artocarpus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Umbopin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten after cooking.
The young fruit are chewed as a substitute for betel nut.

DESCRIPTION

A tall tree. It grows 12 m tall. The branches are brown with shallow cracks along their length. They also have round air pores in the bark. The leaves are thin and can be soft or papery. They are oval and have a tail at the tip. They are smooth and 20 cm wide by 25 cm long. The leaves are mid green above and more pale underneath. The flower cluster has male and female flowers separately. The fruit is a composite fruit with parts fused together. It is 5 cm across. The fruit are orange, pulpy and edible. Four varieties have been recognised.

HABITAT

A coastal tropical plant. It is widely distributed around Papua New Guinea except New Ireland and Bougainville. It grows up to 2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are mostly self sown. Presumably they grow from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 50 Artocarpus species. They are in the tropics and subtropics of Asia and the Pacific.

PICTURES



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