PLANT FACT SHEET

Madhuca hainanensis Chun et How

GENUS *Madhuca* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Sen hai nam

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - oil

The seeds contain about 50-55% oil which can be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large evergreen tree. It grows 30 m high. The trunk is 70-80 cm across. The leaves are in loose clusters at the ends of branches. They are oblong and 6-12 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The berry is 3 cm high and greenish yellow when ripe. The seeds are elliptical and flat.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical evergreen broad-leaved forests between 1,000 and 1,200 m altitude. It can tolerate shade when young but needs light when mature.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Hainan in southern China plants flower in June to September and fruit September to December.

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