PLANT FACT SHEET

Madhuca spp.

GENUS *Madhuca* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have been reported as being eaten.

DESCRIPTION

The actual species used in Papua New Guinea are unknown, but possibly Madhuca leucodermis (Krause) H. J. Lam and Madhuca burckiana (Koorders) H. J. Lam. They are tall trees up to 30 m tall. The trees have white sticky sap. The leaves are simple and alternate. The flowers are grouped together in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a berry containing one seed which is shiny and dark brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are coastal trees probably growing up to 1000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The trees grow wild from seed. Trees can probably be grown from cuttings.

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