PLANT FACT SHEET

Sloanea tieghemii (F. Muell) A.C. Sm.

GENUS *Sloanea* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

The kernels of the nuts are eaten after cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub or a large tree. It can be 2-30 m high. Larger trees have buttresses. It has alternate leaves which are almost opposite. The leaves are 3-5 cm x 2-3 cm and not consistently hairy. The edge of the leaves is fairly smooth. The leaf stalk is 0.5-2 cm long and is usually thickened at each end. The flowers are small but showy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow from 2200 to 2800 m altitude. It often grows naturally in old gardens and regrowth sites.

PRODUCTION

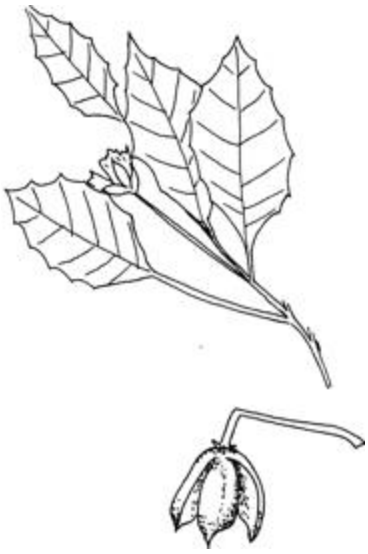
Cultivation

They mostly grow wild from seed. They can be grown from ripe wood cuttings.

NOTES

There are 100-120 Sloanea species.

PICTURES



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