PLANT FACT SHEET

Dimocarpus longan subsp. malesianus Leenh.

GENUS *Dimocarpus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Mata kiching, Cat's eyes, Mata kuching, Mumboh

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fleshy layer in the fruit around the seed is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

Trees can grow to 10-20 m high. The fruit are round and up to 2 cm across. They occur in large bunches. The skin is pale brown and is rough to the feel, and tough. The flesh is white and lets light through. The flesh layer around the seeds may be 0.5 cm thick. The seeds are large. The seed is deep purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hot, wet tropical lowland climates. It has less cold requirement than Dimocarpus longan subsp. longan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees produce fruit in 4-5 years. Fruit matures in about 120 days.

PICTURES



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