PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceratostema oellgaardii Luteyn

GENUS *Ceratostema* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Joyapa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It can grow in the soil or attached to other plants. It grows 2 m tall. The bark has cracks along it. The leaves are rough and narrowly oval. They are 3-5 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flowering shoots occur singly in the axils of the leaves and have 1-3 flowers. The fruit is a berry 13 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 2,600-3,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is rare and endangered.

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