PLANT FACT SHEET

Sterculia ceramica R. Brown

GENUS *Sterculia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Lui kepuh tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 5-18 m tall. The trunk can be 40 cm across. The leaves are simple and shiny. They are broadly oval and heart shaped at the base. They are 3-17 cm long by 3-10 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 2-5 cm long. The groups of flowers are at the ends of twigs. They are softly hairy and 5-8 cm long. There are 1-3 dry fruit with seeds. They are on long stalks 3-9 cm long. They are dark red and 4-5 cm long by 2.5-3.5 cm wide. The seeds are 2-3 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near the beach and from sea level to 100 m above sea level. It can be on old coral cliffs. In Fairchild Botanical Garden. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

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