PLANT FACT SHEET

Streblus anthropophagorum (Seem.) Corner

GENUS *Streblus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The leaves are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 10 m high. It has milky sap. There is a cap around the tip of the stems. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are in 2 rows. The leaf blade is narrowly oval and 7-24 cm long. The leaves and stems do not have hairs. The male and female flowers are separate on separate trees. The flowers occur as many together in spikes. These occur singly in the axils of leaves. The female spikes can be 11 cm long and the male spikes 4-20 cm long. The fruit is red and oval. They are 8-12 mm long. They contain one large seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1600 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 23 Streblus species. They occur in Asia and the Pacific.

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