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Trapa incisa Siebold & Zucc.

GENUS *Trapa* **FAMILY** Lythraceae

COMMON NAMES Kra chap

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit

The fruit are boiled or roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small floating herb. The stems are 1-3 mm across. The leaf stalks are 5-15 cm long and can be slightly swollen towards the end. The leaves are slightly purplish underneath. They are 2-3 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. There are teeth towards the tip. The fruit are narrow and 1-2 cm long by 1-2 cm wide and 1 cm thick with 4 pointed horns.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in stagnant water. It grows in swamps and ponds from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level and 2,000 m in SW China. It grows in wetlands. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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