PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis javanica (Blume) A. DC.

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Spiny oak, Java chinkapin tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, seeds, Fruit, Seed

The seed kernels are eaten cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A widely spreading tree up to 23 m tall. The bark is quite rough and yellowish. The leaves are mainly horizontal with re-curved tips. They are rich green on the upper surface and copper brown underneath. The fruit are borne on spikes 15 to 25 cm long carried near the ends of twigs and covered with a prickly envelope.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Found in the forests up to 2000 m altitude throughout the Philippines. In Malaysia it grows up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

PLants can be grown by seed.

NOTES

There are about 120 Castanopsis species. Many have edible nuts.

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