PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Excoecaria oppositifolia Griff.

GENUS *Excoecaria* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Caution: It has toxic sap and the juice can cause abortions.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The leaves are simple and opposite. The bases overlap. The leaf stalk is 1 cm long. The leaf blade is 15 cm long by 4 cm wide. The are broadly sword shaped. The edges have rounded teeth. The flowers are of separate sexes with both sexes on one plant. The fruit is a 3 lobed capsule.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests between 500-2,100 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

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