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.

Semecarpus brachystachys Merr. & Perry

GENUS *Semecarpus* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

The sap can seriously irritate the skin.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-25 m tall. The trunk can be 8-47 cm across. The bark is grey or light brown and flaky. The leaves are spaced apart and in spirals. They are oval and 15-55 cm long by 12-18 cm wide. The flowers are greenish white. The flowers are in groups 32 cm long at the ends of branches.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It was collected from Makira Province and San Cristobal, Solomon Islands.

NOTES

Specimen in Harvard herbarium.
Collected on San Cristobal Island Makira by Brass.

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