PLANT FACT SHEET

Dimocarpus australianus Leenh.

GENUS *Dimocarpus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Native lychee

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Fruit

The fruit is like a lychee and is tasty.

DESCRIPTION

A medium size tree. It grows 8-15 m tall and spreads 3-8 m wide. The leaves are divided into leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 10-18 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. There are 2-6 leaflets. They are oval with a blunt tip. They are grey green above and yellowish green underneath. Leaflets are 6.5-9.5 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are greenish yellow. They are about 0.5 cm across. They occur in panicles on the ends of branches. The fruit is a reddish brown capsule. It has 2 lobes and is about 2 cm across. The aril is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits tropical and subtropical regions. It grows in rainforests in Queensland in Australia. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 660 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed which must be sown fresh.

NOTES

There are about 5-6 Dimocarpus species.

PICTURES



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