PLANT FACT SHEET

Lepisanthes amoena (Hassk.) Leenh.

GENUS *Lepisanthes* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Sobo lepisanthes

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is edible but astringent.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 7-10 m high. The leaves are alternate and compound. The leaves have 15-31 leaflets. The flowering shoots are 60 cm long. The flowers are 6 mm across. They are yellow to red. The fruit is a 3 lobed berry. It is 2-3 cm across. It is orange brown. There are 1-4 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests up to 1,200 m altitude. It can be in swamp forest. It grows on sandy and clay soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are 24-40 Lepisanthes species. They are mostly in the tropics.

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