PLANT FACT SHEET

Merrillodendrum megacarpum (Hemsl.) Sleumer

GENUS *Merrillodendrum* **FAMILY** Icacinaceae

COMMON NAMES Abu, Aibo, Vabilii

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It often grows 6-15 m high. The trunk is 55 cm across and is fluted. The bark is light grey and shed in soft flakes. The leaves are oblong and the base is wedge shaped. The leaves are thin and leathery. The fruit hang down. They are narrowly oval and 6-20 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The skin is leathery and can be white, yellow or purple. The seeds is starchy and 4-6 cm long b 2-2.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in coastal swampy rainforest. It is usually between 3-30 m altitude. It is often on the edges of mangroves and along streams.

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