PLANT FACT SHEET

Palaquium hexandrum (Griff.) Baill.

GENUS *Palaquium* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Nyatoh jongkang tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Oil, Fruit

The fruit are sour and are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 50 m high. The trunk is 120 cm across. There are buttresses 3 m high. It can have stilt roots when in swamp forest. The bark is smooth, deeply cracked and scaly. The twigs are 2-3.5 mm thick. They have white to reddish hairs. The leaves are loosely clustered at the tips of the twigs. They are papery to thinly leathery. They are oval and 3-23 cm long by 1.5-10 cm wide. There are hairs on the midrib underneath. The edges of the leaves are wavy. There are 6-14 pairs of secondary veins. These are raised underneath the leaf. The leaf stalk is 6-32 mm long by 1 mm wide and grooved above. The flowers are greenish yellow. There are 3-20 per cluster. They occur in the axils of leaves or on old leaf scars. The fruit are round or oval and 2-3 cm long. The fruit stalk is 22 mm long. There are 1-2 seeds inside. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland forest and seasonally flooded swamp forest. It can grow up to 1300 m altitude.

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