PLANT FACT SHEET

Agathis australis (D. Don) Steud.

GENUS *Agathis* **FAMILY** Araucariaceae

COMMON NAMES New Zealand kauri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Resin, Sap

The resin is chewed.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 25 m high and spreads 5 m wide. The stem is erect and branching. The crown in cone shaped. The leaves are bronze-green. They are narrow and curved. They are 5 cm long. The flowers are very small. The cones are in the axils of leaves. The male cones are 3 cm long and the female cones 7.5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is best in light, well-drained deep soil. It is resistant to frost but sensitive to drought. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is very slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 20 Agathis species. There are 5 species in New Caledonia.

PICTURES



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