PLANT FACT SHEET

Sapindus rarak DC.

GENUS *Sapindus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Lerak, Soapberry tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 20-42 m tall. The trunk can be 1 m across. The branches are strong, stout and grooved. They have yellowish hairs when young. The leaves are large and compound. They are 50 cm long. There are 7-12 pairs of almost opposite leaflets. These are 7-13 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowering shoots are near the ends of branches and are erect and tower-shaped. The fruit are dark red and round. They are 2.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In China it grows between 500-2,100 m above sea level. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or suckers.

PICTURES



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