PLANT FACT SHEET

Manilkara staminodella Gilly

GENUS *Manilkara* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Chicle de Segunda

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap, Latex

The sap is used for chewing as chicle.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can be 30 m high and does not have buttresses. The trunk is 75 cm across. The bark is cracked and in in squares. The bark has sticky white sap. The young shoots can be smooth or have soft brown hairs. The leaves are 4.6-12 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. They are oblong or oval and they can be papery or rough. There are 14-21 pairs of secondary veins. The leaf stalk is 1-3.4 cm long. There is a slight channel in the upper surface. The flowers occur singly or in pairs. They are white or cream. The fruit are 3.5-5 cm long. There are several seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on hill slopes between 100-850 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 75 Manilkara species.

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