PLANT FACT SHEET

Decaspermum gracilentum (Hce.) Merr.

GENUS *Decaspermum* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Kauja, Gahau

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4 m tall. The small branches are 4 sided. The leaves are oval. The flowering shoots are near the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and black. They are 3-5 mm across. They have 3-5 ribs. There are 3-5 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Yunnan in China it grows between 800-1300 m altitude. It grows in secondary forest.

NOTES

There are about 30 Decaspermum species.

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