PLANT FACT SHEET

Hymenocardia punctata Wall. ex Lindl.

GENUS *Hymenocardia* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used to provide an acid element in some dishes. They are cooked as a curry vegetable and in soup.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-4 m tall. The bark is grey-brown. The leaf stalks are 1 cm long. The leaf blade is 2-9 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. The base is rounded or wedge shaped and it tapers to the tip. The male flowers are in catkins 2.5 cm long. The flowers are red to purple. The female flowers are in groups 1.5 cm long. They are brown. The fruit is heart shaped and 1.6 cm long by 1.2 cm wide. It is brownish-green to yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in clear and flooded forests. It grows from sea level to 235 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE Thailand fruit are available March to June.

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