PLANT FACT SHEET

Planchonella myrsinodendron (F. Muell.) Swenson, Bartish & Munzinger

GENUS *Planchonella* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Northern Yellow Boxwood, Yellow Teak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A large tree with buttresses. It grows up to 15-25 m high and spreads out to 10-15 m across. The branches are spreading and the bark brownish green and smooth. Young growth has hairs. The leaves are alternate and the edge of the leaf is often wavy. The midrib of the leaf sticks out on the lower surface. There are 10-12 pairs of side veins. The leaf is up to 8-20 cm x 3-8 cm. The leaf stalk is 2 cm long with a gland half way along. The flowers are in clusters of 3-6 and are pale yellow. The fruit is a berry 2.5 x 1.5 cm across. It becomes dark red. The seed is about 2 cm by 1 cm. It is brown and shiny when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on hill slopes up to 800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

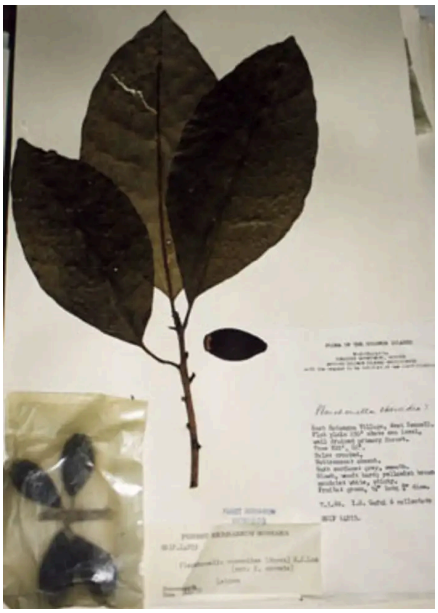
Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed.

NOTES

There are about 100 Planchonella species. They are mostly in Asia and the Pacific.

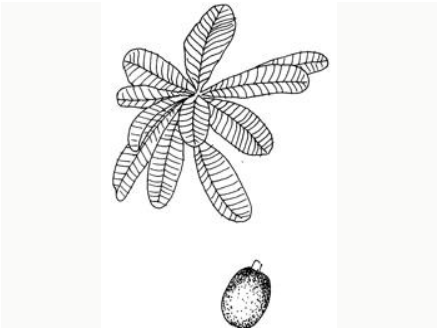
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