PLANT FACT SHEET

Planchonia valida (Blume) Blume

GENUS *Planchonia* **FAMILY** Lecythidaceae

COMMON NAMES Putat tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The young leaves are eaten with rice.
The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 56 m tall. The trunk can be 1.2 m across. The leaves are alternate and simple. They have teeth along the edge. The flowers are 4 cm across. They are pink to red. There are many protruding stamens. The flowers are in short groups. The fruit are about 6 cm long. They are green and fleshy. There are several seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest up to 300 m above sea level. It can be along rivers on on ridges. In Java it can be up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 14 Plachonia species. They grow in the Asian tropics.

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