PLANT FACT SHEET

Cryptocarya massoy (Oken) Kosterm.

GENUS *Cryptocarya* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Massoy, Mossoia bark

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - spice

It can be an alternative to clove and a cinnamon substitute.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25-60 m tall. The trunk can be 30 cm across. The bark has a sweet scent. The leaves are simple and oval but taper to the tip. They can be alternate or in rings. The flowering shoots are 10 cm long and emerge from the base of the leaf. The flowers are in panicles and are white and have a scent. The fruit is fleshy and has one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland and mountain rain-forests between 400-1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 200-250 Cryptocarya species. The bark of several Cryptocarya is used to scent coconut oil.

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