

Giant Leaf of *Macaranga nicobarica* holds potential as an alternative to plastic food wrappers/plates

The tree, *Macaranga nicobarica* is endemic to Nicobar Islands and produce abundant leaves

Leaf lamina is undivided, intact and do not tear with mild pressure besides has around 70 cm diameter which is double the size of a normal food plate.

Leaves do not have any taste or offensive smell, thus ideal for using as food wrapper.

Seeds have been conserved (IC626370) in the National Gene Bank ICAR-NBPGR New Delhi and few plants have been established in the field gene bank of ICAR-NBPGR RS Thrissur and also at ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

