

FIRST REPORT OF A LEAF DISEASE OF RAMBUTAN (*NEPHELIUM LAPPACEUM* L.) PLANT IN INDIA

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Abstract: Rambutan (*Nephelium lappaceum* L.) member of the Sapindaceae is a native of Malaysia which is widely cultivated in peninsular India as a cash fruit crop, particularly in Kerala. It is a close relative of the lychee and an equally desirable fruit. In the vernacular, it is generally called rambutan, occasionally in India, *ramboostan*. The plant reaches 5-10 m in height, and a dense, usually spreading crown. The evergreen leaves are alternate, pinnately compound, long, with reddish rachis, hairy when young.

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