PLANT FACT SHEET

Pachylobus klaineanus (Pierre) Guillaumin

GENUS *Pachylobus* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Damson

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 25 m high. The trunk is 1 m across. It has fewer leaflets than Dacryodes edulis. The leaves are compound with 2-4 pairs of pointed leaflets and one at the end. The leaves are 15-45 cm long. The leaflets are 20 cm long by 9 cm wide. The flowers are pale yellow in branched flower arrangements. The fruit are also smaller. The fruit are 1.5-2 cm across. They are softly hairy with a fibrous pulp. There is one seed per fruit.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in deciduous forests and along the edges of forests in West Africa. It does not grow in very dry forests. It grows in poor acidic soils. It grows between 100-700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds. They can be in shade.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Sierra Leone and Liberia, it fruits in December and January.

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