PLANT FACT SHEET

Xymalos monospora (Harv.) Baill. ex Warb.

GENUS *Xymalos* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Lemonwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit (berries) are edible.

DESCRIPTION

A medium to large tree. It grows 8-25 m tall. It is often poorly shaped. The bark is light greyish-brown. It is marked with rings and circles. The leaves are opposite and simple. They are broad and oval. Leaves are 5-18 cm long by 2-6.2 cm wide. They are dark green. The leaves smell of lemon. The edges are irregularly toothed. The flowers are in short spikes in the axils of leaves near the ends of branches. The sexes are separate on separate trees. The fruit are oval and 1.5 cm long. They are fleshy and orange but red when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist evergreen forest, especially mountain forest. Trees are resistant to fire. In Nigeria it has been recorded at 1,500 m above sea level.

NOTES

There is only one Xymalos species.

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