PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros dendo Welw. ex Hiern

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Gaboon persimmon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows about 15 m high and has a trunk about 1 m across. The trunk can be twisted and fluted. The bark is like a guava tree. It is smooth and falls in thin papery scales. The leaves are up to 18 cm long and 7 cm wide. The male flowers are crowded into 5-12 flowered flat topped arrangement. The female flowers are almost stalkless and in clusters of 2-5. The fruit is about 1.2 cm across. They are dark red. It is surrounded by a calyx with 4-5 large lobes. They are triangular with very wavy margins.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic plants fruit in May.

NOTES

There are about 485 species of Diospyros mostly in the tropics.

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