PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria altissima (A. Chev.) Baehni

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 40 m tall. The trunk is 1 m across and straight. The crown is spreading. The bark is pale grey and has shallow irregular cracks. The young stems are yellow and hairy. The leaves are 4-16 cm long and 3-6 cm wide. The fruit are 2 cm across. They are red when ripe. The seeds are 1.5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen rainforest. It suits humid locations. In Nigeria it has been recorded at 600 and 1,500 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is an at risk plant.

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