PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Strychnos ignatii P. J. Bergius

GENUS *Strychnos* **FAMILY** Loganiaceae

COMMON NAMES Ignatius bean

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: fruit

Caution: The seeds are poisonous.
CAUTION The root bark is very poisonous.
The fruit are reported as eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper. The stems are 20 m long. The branches are greyish-brown. They have tendrils. The leaves are narrowly oval and 6-17 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The flowers are in groups of 10-20 flowers in the axils of leaves. The flowers have 5 parts and have a scent. The fruit are round berries, yellow when ripe. They are 4-10 cm across. They have a hard woody case. There are 1-15 seeds. These are oval and flat. They are 2-2.5 cm long by 1.5-1.8 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 400-800 m above sea level. It can grow up to 1,500 m above sea level.

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