PLANT FACT SHEET

Moquilea tomentosa Bentham

GENUS *Moquilea* **FAMILY** Chrysobalanaceae

COMMON NAMES Oiti, Goiti'iba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The young branches can have a grey covering. The crown is low and spreads wide. The leaves are narrowly oval and papery. They are 5-12 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are wedge shaped at the base. The flowers occur singly and are 3 mm long. They are densely crowded along a stalk. The fruit is oblong and smooth.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal regions.

NOTES

It is a good shade tree.

PICTURES



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