PLANT FACT SHEET

Neolemonniera clitandrifolia (A. Chev.) Heine

GENUS *Neolemonniera* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - oil, Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is edible but the latex makes them very sticky.
The seeds provide an oil that tastes like coconut oil.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 35 m tall. The trunk is 80 cm across. It has buttresses 3 m high. The leaves are in spirals and near the end of branches. The leaves are simple and entire. They are broadly oval and 5-15 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They are wedge shaped at the base and tape to the tip. The flowers are in groups in the axils of the leaves. The fruit are capsules that hand down. They are 7-8 cm across. They have one seed. The seeds are 3.5 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. They are brown and shiny.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is rare and in humid rain-forests often on rocky outcrops.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Sierra Leone trees flower in April and May and the fruit are ripe just before the onset of the rains.

NOTES

There are 5 Neolemonniera species. They grow in West Africa.

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