PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysophyllum africanum A DC.

GENUS *Chrysophyllum* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES African star apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - oil

The layer around the seeds is eaten. The rest of the pulp is bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 30 m high. The trunk is 90 cm across. The leaves are large, alternate and simple. They are 15-35 cm long by 9-13 cm wide. The flowers are small and green. The fruit is oval and 6 cm long by 5 cm wide. There are 5 seeds in each fruit. The seeds are 3 cm long by 1.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forest.

NOTES

There are 43 species in the American tropics and 15 in Africa.

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