PLANT FACT SHEET

Clitandra cymulosa Benth.

GENUS *Clitandra* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The very acid fruit are eaten raw, including the seeds.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper. It grows to 40-100 m long. The trunk can be 12 cm across. The bark is rough and peels off. The leaves are narrowly oval and 4-20 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are wedge shaped at the base. The fruit are about 7 cm across. They are round or pear shaped and have a harder layer on the outside. There are between 6-25 seeds. They are about 1 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest. It grows between 1,100-1,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Congo the fruiting season is July to October. In Central African Republic plants flower January to May.

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