PLANT FACT SHEET

Cola laurifolia Mast.

GENUS *Cola* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Laurel-leaved kola

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 30 m tall. The brnaches are low and arch over. They can develop roots. The trunk can be 80 cm across. The young plant parts have rusty coloured hairs. The leaves are alternate and near the ends of twigs. The leaf stalk is 2-8 cm long. The leaves are 5-25 cm long by 3-13 cm wide. The flowers are in groups and densely hairy. They are unisexual and brown. The fruit have 4-5 follicles. These re 5 cm long and brown or red. They have 4-5 seeds. The seeds are 2 cm long and 1 cm wide. They are covered by a yellow layer.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forest and moist savanna along river banks.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

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