PLANT FACT SHEET

Protium panamense (Rose) I. M. Johnston

GENUS *Protium* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Alcanfor

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The aril or fleshy layer around the seeds is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 3-40 m high. It has stilt roots. The leaves are 23-60 cm long. The leaves have an odd number of leaflets. There are 3-7 leaflets 11-36 cm long and 4-12 cm wide. The flowers are in compact panicles in the axils of leaves. The flowers are yellow. The fruit are oval and yellow but become red when ripe. They are 2-3 cm long. They open by 2-4 valves.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in wet or moist forests.

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