PLANT FACT SHEET

Lannea rivae (Chiov.) Sacleux

GENUS *Lannea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Bark, Leaves

The fruit is edible but not popular. The ripe fruit are eaten raw.
The inner bark is chewed because it is sweet.
The leaves are boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading shrub or tree. It grows 2-6 m high. It has many branches and loses its leaves during the year. The trunk and branches are thick. The bark is thick and smooth or rough. It is grey. The leaves are simple and dull green. They often have soft hairs underneath. They are in clusters on short side branches. The flowers are yellow with red patches. The fruit are 1.5 cm long. They are hairy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Kenya it grows in open bushland between 300-2,000 m altitude. It is more common at the higher altitudes. It needs soil with plenty of air and usually sandy or rocky. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or cuttings. Plants can be cut back and re-grow.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected from October to December.

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