PLANT FACT SHEET

Santiria trimera (Oliv.) Aubrev.

GENUS *Santiria* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit

The seed is oily and is eaten.
The fruit quality varies and some taste of turpentine. Others are attractive

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows to 30 m high. The trunk is 1 m across. It has stilt roots. The bark smells strongly of turpentine. The leaves are without hairs. The leaves are compound with 3 pairs of leaflets and one leaflet at the end. The flowers are yellow. The fruit are fleshy and 2-2.5 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. The ripe fruit are black. There is one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It often grows between 800-1000 m altitude. In Nigeria it has been recorded at 1,500 m above sea level.

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