PLANT FACT SHEET

Sideroxylon obtusifolium subsp. buxifolium (Roemer & Schultes) Pennington

GENUS *Sideroxylon* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Avalo, Cagalera, Caimito

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A spiny shrub or small tree. It grows 10 m high. The bark is grey and cracked. The leaves are opposite. They do not develop in tufts in older trees. The leaves are round of fattened and oval. They are usually 1.2-2 times as long as broad. The flowers occur as many together in dense clusters. They are cream coloured or greenish-white. They have a strong smell. The fruit become purple or black at maturity. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is a plant of the coastal dunes and arid zones up to 1100 m altitude. It is often in tropical deciduous forest.

NOTES

Sideroxylon buxifolium in Somalia as "Shooy'

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