PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria jariensis Pires & Pennington

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Abiu, Guajara, Zolive

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 26 m high. The trunk can be 40 cm across. It has simple buttresses 1.5 m high. The young shoots have soft hairs. The bark becomes grey and scaly. The leaves are spaced or loosely clustered. They are arranged in spirals. The leaves are 6.5-18 cm long by 3.6-7.6 cm wide. They are broadly oval. The leaf stalk is 1-2 cm long. The flowers occur in tufts of 2-5 flowers in the axils or below leaves. The flowers can have both sexes. The flowers are greenish-yellow. The fruit is 2.5-3 cm long. It is oval. The fruit ripen to yellow or orange. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland mixed forest. It grows on non flooded land. It can grow between 200-650 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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