PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria cladantha Sandwith

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Abiurana seca

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are sweet and are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 30 m high. The trunk can be 80 cm across. There can be buttresses 2 m high. The young shoots have very small hairs. The leaves are spaced and arranged in spirals. The leaves are 6.8-15 cm long and 2.5-7.5 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped. There are 9-15 pairs of secondary veins. The flowers occur in tufts of 3-20 flowers. The flowers can contain both sexes or have one sex on separate trees. The flowers are greenish-yellow. The fruit are 1.8-3 cm long. They are oval or round. The fruit ripen to yellow. The fruit is sweet and edible. The pulp is clear. There is one seed. The seed is 1.4-2.2 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland mixed rainforest. It grows on non flooded land up to 800 m altitude.

NOTES

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

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