PLANT FACT SHEET

Desplatsia dewevrei (De Wild. et Th. Durand) Burret

GENUS *Desplatsia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit, Vegetable, Spice, Oil

The seed is eaten raw as a nut.
The juice of the fruit is used as a spice for sauces.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 14 m high. The trunk is 1 m across. The crown is widely spreading. The bark is grey with papery scales. The small branches are purplish-brown. The leaves are 12-31 cm long and 4-12 cm wide. They are oval and are unequal sided at the base. There are teeth along the edge. They are pale green underneath. The flowers are white or yellow. The fruit are large and green and yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows as an understorey plant in the forest. It grows in lowland rainforest. It suits humid locations.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants fruit throughout the year.

NOTES

There are only a few (about 5) Desplatsia confined to West Africa. It is also put in the family Sparrmanniaceae and Tiliaceae.

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