PLANT FACT SHEET

Scleropyrum aurantiacum (Laut. et K. Schum) Pilger

GENUS *Scleropyrum* **FAMILY** Santalaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds, Leaves

The kernel of the nut is cooked and eaten.
The young leaves are boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree up to 3-6 m high. The bark is light grey. The leaves are mid green above and more pale underneath. The fruit is red when mature. The seed inside the fruit is about 3-4 cm across. It has a thin shell.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs between 600 to 2,000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruiting is seasonal. In Papua New Guinea it fruits July to August.

PICTURES



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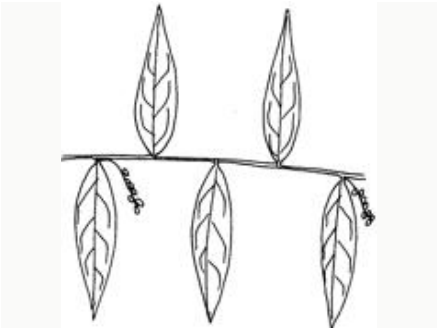

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