PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros sandwicensis (DC.) Fosberg

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Lama

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can be 2-15 m tall. The leaves are small and leathery. They are reddish when young and dark green when mature. Flowers are of one sex only. They are in the axils of leaves. Trees are separately male or female. The female flowers develop fruit. The fruit are juicy and 2.5 cm long by 12 mm wide. They are green but turn yellow then ripen to red. They are sweet when ripe. They are edible. They contain 1-3 brown seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry forest areas.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

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