PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria egregia Sandwith

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Alofachi-boiti, Excellent pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 40 m high. The trunk can be 90 cm across. The buttresses are 2.5 m high. The young shoots have small hairs. The bark is rough and grey. The leaves are spaced. The are arranged in spirals. The leaves are 5-9 cm long by 2.5-3.3 cm wide. They are fattened sword shaped. There are 14-21 pairs of secondary veins. The leaves are pale green underneath. The leaf stalk is 3-9 mm long. The flowers occur in tufts of 5-15 in the axils and below the leaves. The flowers are of one sex. The separate sexes are on separate trees. The fruit are 1.8-2.7 cm long. The fruit become yellow to dull orange when ripe. The fruit is edible. There is one or occasionally 2 seeds. The seeds are 1.4-1.8 cm long.

HABITAT

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

NOTES

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

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