PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Pouteria procera* (Mart.) K. Hammer

**GENUS** *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Mucuri

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It loses many leaves during the year. It grows 20-40 m high. The trunk is 40-80 cm across. It has prop roots near the base. The bark is greyish-brown and splits. It flakes off in regular pieces. The leaves are arranged in spirals. The leaf blade is narrowly oval and 6-13 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The flowers are in groups near the axils of the leaves. The fruit are broadly oval and 3.5-4 cm long. The fruit are smooth and have 1-2 seeds.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in humid forests on temporarily flooded flood plains near the Atlantic in Brazil. It grows up to 700 m above sea level.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seeds are collected from ripe fruit that have fallen and are allowed to partly decompose by putting in heaps and the seeds washed out in running water. The seeds need to be planted fresh. They should be in light shade. Seedlings emerge in 60-90 days.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a moderate rate.

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