PLANT FACT SHEET

Lecaniodiscus fraxinifolius subsp. vaughanii (Dunkley) Friis

GENUS *Lecaniodiscus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES River litchi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A leafy tree. It grows 5-18 m tall. The bark is grey and fairly smooth. It becomes darker and more rough with age. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 3-7 pairs of thin leaflets. They are 3-11 cm long. Young leaflets are orange to red. They turn pale green. The flowers are yellow to green. They are along loose spike like heads. These are 10 cm long. They occur in the axils of leaves. Trees are separately male and female. The female flower stalks are shorter than the male. The fruit ate yellow to orange capsules. They are oval and 1 cm long. They are covered with short hairs. The flesh is blue. There is one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near rivers and the edges of forests. It can form thickets. In Tanzania it grows from sea level to 1,400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected from April to June.

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