PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria grandiflora (A. de Candolle) Baehni

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Largeflower pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-14 m high. The crown is elongated. The young branches have short hairs. The trunk is 15-30 cm across. The bark is thick and has cracks along it. The leaves are leathery with the edges of the leaves turned downwards. They are 9-19 cm long and 3-7 cm wide. There are 9-16 pairs of secondary veins. The flowers are in in the axils of the leaves with a bunch of 2-10 flowers with short stalks. The fruit is a round but flattened berry. It is 6-9 cm long and has a sweet mealy pulp. There are 1-4 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests near the coast in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Ripe fruit are harvested and the seeds removed and washed. Fresh seed are planted and germinate in 4-7 weeks.

NOTES

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

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