PLANT FACT SHEET

Talisia squarrosa Radlk.

GENUS *Talisia* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Rough talisia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m high. The trunk is 30-60 cm across. There are buttresses at the base. The bark is light brown and cracked. The leaves are alternate and once divided. The leaves are narrowly oval and 7-14 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The leaflets are opposite. The flower panicles are in the axils of leaves near the ends of the branches. They are 25 cm long. The fruit is a narrowly oval berry. It is 2.4 cm long by 1.2 cm wide. It has a grey then yellow coating. The pulp is white. There is one seed. It is narrowly oval and 6 mm long by 2 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in upland rainforest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Guyana trees flower in September and October and fruit in November and December.

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