PLANT FACT SHEET

Lepidotrichilia volkensii (Gurke) J.-F. Leroy

GENUS *Lepidotrichilia* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - flavouring

The fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It keeps is leaves throughout the year. It grows up to 20 m tall. The trunk is often fluted. The bark is smooth and grey. The inner bark is red. The crown is spreading. The leaves are alternate and has 7-11 pairs of leaflets with a leaflet at the end. The leaflets are narrowly oval and 5-20 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. The flowers are in a group 25 cm long. They have yellowish-brown hairs. The fruit is a flattened round berry. It is 7-15 mm across. It has 2-3 seeds. They are 2-3 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mountain forest between 1,500-2,400 m altitude. It is in areas where the rainfall is 1,500-2,000 mm per year.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Self sown plants can be transplanted. Seeds can only be stored for a short time.

NOTES

There are 4 Lepidotrichilia species in Africa.

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