PLANT FACT SHEET

Sideroxylon persimile (Hemsley) Pennington

GENUS *Sideroxylon* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Acoma piquant, Limoncillo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten after cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 20 m high. The trunk is sometimes fluted. The bark is dark brown to black and finely cracked and scales off in small square pieces. The tree has a dense crown. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The leaves are dark green and glossy. They are arranged in spirals. The leaves are 5-12 cm long by 2.5-3 cm wide. They are oblong or narrowly oval. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. There are 5-10 flowers in a cluster on branches coming out from a common point. The flowers are greenish-yellow and have a scent. The fruit are 1.2-2 cm long. The fruit are purplish-black when ripe. There is one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in moist seasonal evergreen forest. They are common between 800-2000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are usually grown from seed.

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