PLANT FACT SHEET

Coffea eugenioides S. Moore

GENUS *Coffea* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - coffee

The ripe red fruit are eaten as a snack.
The seeds are ground and used as coffee.
Boiled fruit can be dried and stored for later use.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-5 m tall. The bark is shiny and light brown. The leaves are opposite. They are narrowly oval and 2-12 cm long. They have a long pointed tip. The flowers are cream to white. They are tube shaped and 1 cm long with 5 pointed lobes. They occur as 1 or 2 in the axils of leaves. The fruit is fleshy and has 2 seeds. The fruit are 8-10 mm long. They have a soft skin and turn bright red. The seeds are yellow to brown and 8 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows as an under-storey plant in the forest. In Tanzania it grows between 1,000-2,100 m above sea level. It is in areas with 800-2,100 mm rainfall.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected in June-July and December - January.

NOTES

There are about 40 Coffea species.

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