PLANT FACT SHEET

Scytopetalum tieghemii (A. Chev.) Hutch. & Dalz.

GENUS *Scytopetalum* **FAMILY** Lecythidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20-25 m tall. The trunk can be 1 m around. It is straight and cylinder shaped. It can have buttresses. The leaves are 5-12 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The taper to a long tip. The edges are wavy. The flowers are white to pale pink. They have a scent. The fruit is fleshy and oval or pear shaped. They are 1.6-2 cm long and red when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in closed rain-forest in damp sites in West Africa.

NOTES

Also put in the family Scytopetalaceae.

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