PLANT FACT SHEET

Coffea racemosa Lour.

GENUS *Coffea* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Mozambique coffee

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - coffee

The seeds are roasted, ground and used as coffee.

DESCRIPTION

A small much-branched tree. It grows up to 6 m high. It often has a single stem. The leaves are shiny and in opposite pairs. They are 9 cm long by 6 cm wide. They are oval or sword shaped. They narrow to both ends. The edges are somewhat wavy. The flowers are 1.6 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are white with twisted petals. They occur in groups in the axils of leaves towards the ends of branches. The fruit are oval or round and about 1 cm long. They are red when ripe and contain 2 seeds. The seeds are grooved like other coffee beans.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs at low altitude in hot dry woodland and on rocky outcrops. It can be along rivers and in dune forest. They are hardy and resistant to disease.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are cultivated.

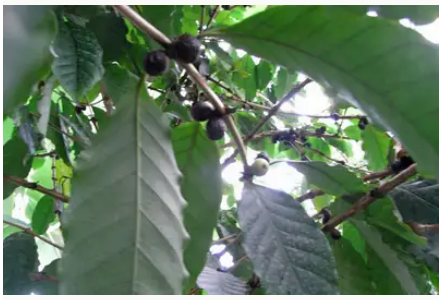
NOTES

There are about 40 Coffea species.

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