PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria fossicola Cronquist

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Mamey pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Caution: The unripe fruit probably have hydrocynide.

DESCRIPTION

A tall tree. It grows up to 40 m tall. It can have small buttresses. The leaves are alternate and 14 cm long. They are stiff and narrow towards the base. They are bunched near the tips of the twigs. The flowers are cream coloured and 1 cm long. They occur in clusters along the twigs. The fruit is 7-12 cm long. It is green to brown with a warty texture. There are 1-2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Costa Rica it grows in mountain forests.

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