PLANT FACT SHEET

Allophylus abyssinicus (Hochst.) Radlk.

GENUS *Allophylus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Forest velvet false-currant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The seeds are eaten raw.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-25 m tall. The trunk can be 50-100 cm across. The bark is smooth and greyish-green. The leaves are arranged in spirals and have 3 leaflets. The leaflets are narrowly oval and 14 cm long by 6 cm wide. There are irregular teeth along the edge. The flowers are in catkins that are branched 1 or 2 times. These flowering shoots are 8 cm long. The fruit is 8 mm long by 6 mm wide. It is oval to round. It is orange when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lower mountain forest. It is recorded between 650-4,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

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