PLANT FACT SHEET

Micropholis venulosa (Martius & Eichler) Pierre

GENUS *Micropholis* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Caimitillo negro

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 40 m high. The trunk can be 1 m across. It has buttresses 3 m high. The young shoots have soft golden-brown hairs. The leaves are spaced and usually alternate. Sometimes they are arranged in spirals. The leaves are 3.8-9.3 cm long by 1-3.4 cm wide. They are oval or sword shaped. The leaf stalk is 2-5 mm long. The flowers are of one sex. They occur in tufts of 3015 flowers in the axils of leaves. The flowers are pale green to cream coloured. The fruit is 1.2-3.2 cm long and rounded. The fruit matures yellow with a reddish tinge. The fruit is edible. There is one seed. The seeds is 1-1.5 cm long and wrinkled and shiny.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is often in non flooded forest from sea level to 700 m altitude. It also occurs in flooded forest. In some areas it grows up to 1200 m altitude.

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