PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria longifolia (Mart. & Eichler ex Miq.) T. D. Penn.

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Lucma, Longleaf pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit has a slightly mealy texture and is eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m tall. The leaves are spaced apart and arranged in spirals. They are 11-22 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and taper to the tip. There are fine golden hairs underneath. There are 18-20 pairs of secondary veins. The flowers are in groups or 2-5 in the axils of leaves. The fruit are 14 cm long by 12 cm wide. They have a golden covering.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland forests including floodplains. It grows between 350-900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit drop to the ground during the rainy season.

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