PLANT FACT SHEET

Sacoglottis gabonensis (Baill.) Urb.

GENUS *Sacoglottis* **FAMILY** Humiriaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Bark, Seeds

The bark is used for adding a bitter taste to palm wine.
The fruit is sweet and edible.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m high. The trunk can be 3 m around. It has buttresses. The crown is dense and dark green. The bark is reddish-brown. It peels off easily. The small branches are smooth. The leaves are 7.5-15 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They are wedge shaped at the base and taper to the tip. They are slightly notched with shallow, forward pointing teeth. They are leathery. The flowers are crowded on branched stalks in the axils of leaves. The individual flowers are almost without stalks. The buds are green and the petals yellow. The fruit are oval or round and 2.5-4.5 cm long. They have a hard stone inside.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in tropical rainforest. It especially grows in fresh water swamp forest. It suits humid locations.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed. Seeds can take 4 months to germinate.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit develop slowly over the dry season.

NOTES

There are 9 Sacoglottis species. Most are in South America.

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