PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Lovoa trichilioides Harms

GENUS *Lovoa* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES African walnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine, Food flavouring

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 50 m tall. The trunk is cylinder shape and there are short blunt buttresses. The bark is smooth with irregular flaky pieces. The leaves are 24 cm long. There are 10-14 leaflets 16 cm long by 4 cm wide. The flowering shoots are 30 cm long and towards the ends of the branches. The flowers are greenish white. The fruit hang down and are purple to black. The seeds are 5 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows up to 1,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Ripe seed should be sown fresh. It can also be grown by stem cuttings.

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