PLANT FACT SHEET

Sideroxylon capiri subsp. tempisque (Pittier) T. D. Pennington

GENUS *Sideroxylon* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Mastic, Sapotilla, Tempisque

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A tree which loses its leaves. It grows 35 m high. The trunk can be 120 cm across. It has stout, simple buttresses to 2.5 m high. The bark is pale with slight cracks. The young leaves and shoots do not have hairs. The flowers are greenish-yellow. The fruit are green. They turn yellow or violet as they ripen.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in seasonal semi-deciduous forest. It grows from sea level to 1500 m altitude.

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