PLANT FACT SHEET

Lucuma capacifolia (Pilz) Swenson

GENUS *Lucuma* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Ecuador pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-25 m tall. The trunk is 20-30 cm across. The bark is grey-brown with fine cracks. The twigs have white scars where leaves have fallen. The leaves are oval and narrowing towards the base. The leaves and flower stalks have white sap. The flowers are usually below the leaves and are green-brown. They have a sweet scent. The flesh of the mature fruit is bright orange to yellow. The fruit have a rough skin.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It has been recorded at 500 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is an endangered species.

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