PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Funtumia elastica (P. Preuss) Stapf

GENUS *Funtumia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Lagos silk rubber, West African rubber tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark

The ground bark is sold as a dietary supplement.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 30 m high. The trunk is 50 cm across. The leaves are oblong and 6-27 cm long by 2-10 cm wide. The edges are wavy. The leaves are opposite. The flowers are tube shaped and green to white. The fruit are follicles 8-19 cm long. They are woody.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in deciduous forest. It grows in drier regions and secondary forests. In Nigeria it has been recorded at 750 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing. Plants flower and fruit November to March.

NOTES

There are 2 Futumia species. They are in tropical Africa. It is a source of rubber.

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