PLANT FACT SHEET

Coffea mufindiensis Hutch. ex Bridson

GENUS *Coffea* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - coffee

The fruit are eaten as a snack.
The seeds are used for coffee.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. It can grow to 5 m tall. The stems are hairy. The leaves are opposite and narrowly oval. They are 2-6 cm long. They are papery stiff and crowded together. The edges of the leaves are wavy. The flowers are white and tube shaped. They have short stalks and occur as one or 2 together in the axils of leaves. The fruit are orange red oval berries 1 cm long. They contain 2 pale brown seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist forest in Tanzania between 1,600 to 2,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania the fruit are collected from April to June. The seeds can be dried and stored for more than one year.

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