PLANT FACT SHEET

Caloncoba echinata (Oliver) Gilg

GENUS *Caloncoba* **FAMILY** Achariaceae

COMMON NAMES Gorli shrub

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten and also used for a sweet drink.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8 m tall. It does not have thorns on its branches. The leaves are thin and leathery. They are 15 cm long and oblong. They have a short point at the tip. They are wedge shaped at the base. The flowers are white and have short stems. The fruit is round and very spiny. It is yellow or orange and filled with many seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the under-storey of closed rain-forest.

NOTES

There are 10 Caloncoba species. They are in Africa. They grow in tropical and southern Africa. The oil is used in medicine. The seeds contain chaulmoogric acid used in the treatment of Leprosy.
Also put in the family Flacourtiaceae.

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