PLANT FACT SHEET

Klainedoxa gabonensis Pierre ex Engl.

GENUS *Klainedoxa* **FAMILY** Irvingiaceae

COMMON NAMES African pepper tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Fruit, Oil, Seeds

The seeds are eaten fresh, roasted or crushed into a paste.
The seeds are rich in oil so added to other foods as a gravy or relish.
The fruit pulp is used to make a sauce eaten with meat.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows to 45 m tall. The trunk is 1.5 m across. The bark is brown and rough. The leaves are 6-10 cm long by 3.5-4 cm wide. They are larger in young plants. The flowers are small and greenish. The fruit are round and 6-8 cm across. and 4-6 cm deep. The fruit contain 5-7 large seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forest and woodland. In Nigeria it is recorded at 230 m and 760 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. It can grow in shade.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Young trees grow quickly. The seeds are 65% oil.

NOTES

There are 2 Klainedoxa species. They are in central Africa.

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