PLANT FACT SHEET

Baillonella toxisperma Pierre

GENUS *Baillonella* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES False shea butternut, African pearwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds - oil, Fruit, Leaves

The flesh of the fruit is eaten when ripe.
The seeds yield an oil.
The residue after extracting the oil is toxic.
The leaves are used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows to 60 m high. The trunk can be 5 m across. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are 15-30 cm long by 5-10 cm wide. The fruit are round and 6 cm across. There are 1-2 seeds per fruit.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest.

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