PLANT FACT SHEET

Couepia rufa Ducke

GENUS *Couepia* **FAMILY** Chrysobalanaceae

COMMON NAMES Oiti-coro, Rusty couepia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Nuts

The fruit pulp is eaten raw.
The nut is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8-30 m high. The crown is pyramid shaped. The branches hang down slightly. The trunk is cylinder shaped and 40-50 cm across. The leaves are simple. They are 6-16 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. The flowers are in groups at the ends of branches. The fruit is fleshy and has one oily seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the central Amazon.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seed are collected from ripe fruit off the tree. They are put in plastic bags to make it easier to remove the pulp by allowing them to partly rot then washing.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Brazil it flowers Sept. to December.

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