PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Pancovia laurentii* (De Wild.) Gilg ex De Wild.

**GENUS** *Pancovia* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** fruit, seeds - aril, Seed

The whole fruit including seeds is eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 20 m high. The trunk can be 45 cm across. The leaves are grouped in rings at the end of the branches. The leaf stalks are 10-18 cm long. The leaflets are almost opposite and 12-24 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowering shoots on the stems are 30 cm long. The fruit is a 3 sided winged berry. It is 2.5 cm long by 3.5 cm wide. The fruit pulp is orange and there are 3 brown seeds. The fruit grow in heavy drooping bunches from the trunk.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in primary forest.

## PRODUCTION

### Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruiting is seasonal. In Central African Republic flowers have been recorded in February and March.

## NOTES

There are about 10 Pancovia species. They are tropical and subtropical.

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