PLANT FACT SHEET

Dactyladenia scabrifolia (Hua) Prance

GENUS *Dactyladenia* **FAMILY** Chrysobalanaceae

COMMON NAMES Boille demon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small to medium sized tree. It can grow to 20-27 m high. The trunk can be 1.7 m around. The trunk is straight. The leaves are alternate and simple. They have rough hairs. The leaves are narrowly oval and wedge shaped at the base. They taper to the tip. The flowers are greenish-white and in short groups. The fruit is smooth and 4 cm long by 2 cm wide. There is one large hairy edible seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows as an under-storey tree in the high closed rainforest in West Africa. It suits humid locations. It grows up to 1,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowers can occur throughout the year. Fruit are most common in August and September.

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