PLANT FACT SHEET

Vasconcellea cauliflora (Jacq.) A. DC.

GENUS *Vasconcellea* **FAMILY** Caricaceae

COMMON NAMES Kegema, Mountain pawpaw

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are more commonly used for jams, cakes and drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree without branches. It grows 3.5 m tall. The leaves are large with several lobes. Plants are separately male and female. Male plants produce white flowers on long stalks. The female flowers have shorter stalks. The fruit are oval and 7 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Seeds take 30 days to germinate. Plants can be put in a nursery and transplanted.

NOTES

There are at least 22-40 species of Carica.

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