PLANT FACT SHEET

Couepia chrysocalyx (Poeppig & Endlicher) Bentham ex Hooker f.

GENUS *Couepia* **FAMILY** Chrysobalanaceae

COMMON NAMES Golden calyx couepia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-20 m tall. The leaves are oblong and 10-22 cm long by 4-9 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are rounded or wedge shaped at the base. There are silvery grey hairs underneath. The flowering shoots are short and densely flowered. The fruit is round and 9 cm long. It has a thick fragile case and fleshy pulp. They ripen to an orange yellow colour.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in uplands and high river banks and places that are only occasionally flooded.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are harvested towards the end of the rainy season.

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