PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia afzelii Engl.

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

COMMON NAMES Bitter-kola

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 12 m high. The trunk is short and the crown is rounded. The bark is warted and strips off easily. The leaves are 6-13 cm long by 2.5-6 cm wide. They taper to the tip. They are wedge shaped at the base and leathery. The flowers are greenish to yellow. They can be 2.5 cm across. The stalks are 6 mm long. The fruit are brownish-yellow. They are almost round and 2.5 cm across. They contain 2-4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on the edge of the evergreen forest in damp places in West Africa.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic fruit have been recorded in May.

NOTES

There are about 200-300 Garcinia species. They are tropical. Also put in the family Hypericaceae.

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