PLANT FACT SHEET

Sapindus saponaria L.

GENUS *Sapindus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Wingleaf soapberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Root, Leaves

The leaves are boiled in water and the solution mixed with millet flour.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-16 m high. The trunk is 60 cm across. The bark is grey, cracked and flaky. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 5-17 narrow leaflets. They are 5-18 cm long. The flowers are white and 4 mm across. The fruit is a one seeded berry. It is 1-1.5 cm across. It has a yellow pulp that lets light through. The fruit remain on the tree after ripening. The seeds are brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry gravelly soil. It grows along streams. It grows between 700-1,800 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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