PLANT FACT SHEET

Gambeya lacourtiana (De Wild.) Aubr. et Pellegr.

GENUS *Gambeya* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten by poking a hole in the end and sucking the pulp out.
After eating this fruit others things eaten taste sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m high. The trunk is 90 cm across. The leaves are oblong and pointed. They are 11-36 cm long by 4.5-12.5 cm wide. They taper to the base. The leaf stalks are 2-3 cm long. The fruit are apple shaped and dark red to light orange. They are 10 cm long by 7 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical Africa in forests.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruiting is seasonal. In Central African Republic flowers have been recorded in October and fruit in December. In Congo fruit are available March to April.

NOTES

There are about 80-150 Chrysophyllum species. They are mostly in tropical America. There are 44 species in tropical America.

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