PLANT FACT SHEET

Phyllanthus polyanthus Pax

GENUS *Phyllanthus* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 3-9 m tall. It can grow 30 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The bark is light coloured. The branches are spreading. The leaves are simple and oval. They are 8 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are rough and shiny on both surfaces. The edges are slightly wavy. The male flowers are in slender groups 8 cm long. They are on woody branches. The fruit are celled capsules. The seeds are very hard with a thick wall.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in coastal forests. It can be in seasonally flooded forests.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic plants flower and fruit in February.

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