PLANT FACT SHEET

Lannea humilis (Oliv.) Engl.

GENUS *Lannea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Small-leaf lannea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Root

The ripe fruit are eaten raw as a snack.
The skin of the root is removed and the inner portion eaten cooked or raw.

DESCRIPTION

It is a shrub. It grows 3-6 m high. The crown is flat. The leaves have 5-21 leaflets. The leaves have white hairs underneath. The end leaflet is 2-3 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The side leaflets are 1-3 cm long by about 1 cm wide. The flowers are in spike like groups. These are 2-5 cm long. The petals are yellow. The fruit is fleshy. It has a grey coating. The fruit are 9-13 mm long by 5-8 mm wide. The are oblong.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Ethiopia it grows in semi-arid bushland. In West Africa it grows in dry woodland and savannah. It also grows in swamps. It grows in the lowlands. It grows between 700-1,700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from cuttings. The young tree can be cut back and allowed to re-grow.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected from November to January.

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