PLANT FACT SHEET

Lannea schimperi (Hochst. ex A. Rich.) Engl.

GENUS *Lannea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Bark - tea

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.
The inner bark is used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 8 m tall. The bark is dark and cracked into squares. The trunk is 45 cm across. The young leaves have a dense hairy brown covering, especially underneath. The leaves have 3-4 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are yellow and in narrow spike like groups. The fruit are about 1 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands and the highlands. It grows in the savannah in West Africa. In Kenya it grows on sandy soils between 750-1,900 m altitude. It is often on rocky hillsides.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

The bark is used in medicine.

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