PLANT FACT SHEET

Ongokea gore (Hua) Pierre

GENUS *Ongokea* **FAMILY** Olacaceae

COMMON NAMES Boleko-nut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Nuts

The fruit are used to give an oily taste for soup.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 40 m tall. The trunk is straight for 25 m without branches and 1.2 m wide. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are 4-11 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They end with a point, The fruit are fleshy and 5 cm across. There is a hard stone inside containing one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain regions. It grows in dense evergreen forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. Seeds can take up to one year to germinate.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows slowly. In Congo DR fruit are common in September.

NOTES

There is only one Ongokea species.

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