PLANT FACT SHEET

Saba senegalensis (A. DC.) Pichon

GENUS *Saba* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Saba, Gumvine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - flavouring, Bark

The fruit are eaten raw. They are also used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper or liana. It grows over 40 m long. It can be 47 cm around. The trunk can be 20 cm across. The leaves are opposite and twice as long as wide. The flowers are in groups of 3-30 and a loose group. They are tube shaped and have a yellow throat. The fruit are oval and 6 cm long and 8 cm across. The pulp is yellow. It is sweet-sour, soft and edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the edges of forests in West Africa.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

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