PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria elegans (A. de Candolle) Baehni

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Abiurana, Graceful pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp is sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It is 3-10 m high. It can be 20 m high. The trunk can be 50 cm across. The young shoots have small hairs at first. The bark is pale grey to dark brown and thinly scaling. The leaves are spaced. They are arranged in spirals. They are 6.2-16 cm long by 1.9-5.2 cm wide. They are oblong or oval. There are 11-20 pairs of veins. The leaf stalk is 0.7-2 cm long. The flowers occur in tufts of 2-12 flowers. The flowers are of one sex with separate sexes on separate trees. The flowers are greenish-white. They have a scent. The fruit are 3-5 cm long. They are oval. The fruit become greenish-brown as they ripen. There is one seed. The seed is 2.5-4.1 cm long. The flesh around the seed is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near rivers. It is often in forest which is occasionally or permanently flooded. It is usually at low elevations but can be up to 700 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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