PLANT FACT SHEET

Monodora tenuifolia Benth.

GENUS *Monodora* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES African nutmeg

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - flavouring

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows to 15 m high. The trunk can be 1.2 m across. The crown is spreading. The bark is grey-green with dark lines along it. The leaves are 7-20 cm long. They are 3.5-7.5 cm across. The are usually rounded at the base and pointed at the tip. The leaf stalks are 6 mm long. The flowers are on stalks 3.5-7.5 cm long. They have a bract half way up. The flowers are yellow at the tips with red-purple blotches. The fruit are 7-10 cm long by 8 cm across. They are speckled green and white, but turn black with maturity.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the edges of forests. It can tolerate some fires re-sprouting from the base. It grows at low elevations. In Nigeria it is recorded at 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower in February, October and November and fruit in April.

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