PLANT FACT SHEET

Cupania americana Linn.

GENUS *Cupania* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Candle wood cupania, Wild ackee

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, seeds - aril

The chestnut like seeds are eaten.
They are also used to make a fermented liquor.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It can be 20 m high. The leaves are compound with 2-4 pairs of leaflets. The flower panicles are 10-30 cm long. The fruit is a shallowly 3 lobed capsule. It is 2 cm long by 2 cm wide. It has yellow hairs. The seed is oval and 1 cm long. It is black and shiny. It has an aril of fleshy layer around it.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests near rivers.

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