PLANT FACT SHEET

Chlamydocola chlamydantha (K. Schum.) Bodard;

GENUS *Chlamydocola* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: fruit, Seeds, Vegetable

The fruit pulp is eaten. It is sweet/sour.
The seeds are chewed instead of Cola but are inferior.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 20 m high. The trunk is straight and 30 cm across. The outer bark is brown and flaking. The leaves are alternate and near the ends of branches. They are compound with 5-10 leaflets spread out like fingers on a hand. The leaf stalk is 10-80 cm long. The leaflets can be 60 cm long by 20 cm wide. They are wedge shaped at the base and taper to the tip. The flowers can be of one or both sexes. The flower tube is grey outside and red or purple inside. The fruit is made up of 9-12 dry fruit sections in a ring. They are curved and 6-15 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They contain 7-25 seeds. The seeds are flattened and 2-3 cm long by about 1 cm wide. They are bright red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in deciduous and evergreen forest. It is often in humid areas.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The tree should not be grown near cacao as it helps spread Cacao Swollen Shoot virus.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

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