PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria brevipetiolata T. D. Penn.

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Chiche

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m tall. The trunk is 20 cm across. It is fluted. Young shoots are hairy at first. The leaves are densely clustered They are arranged in spirals. The leaves are 9-13 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. They are pale green and have sight scent.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It occurs at about 800 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is an at risk species.

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