PLANT FACT SHEET

Pistacia aethiopica Lincz.

GENUS *Pistacia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - tea, Seeds, Root, Nuts

The gum is chewed.
The bark is used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 15 m tall. The bark is dark brown. The leaves are compound with 2-5 pairs of leaflets. The leaves are alternate. The leaflets do not have stalks. The young leaves are red. The flowers are yellow or purple. The are in groups in the axils of leaves. These are 1-5 cm long. The fruit are green and turn red. They are 5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry mountain forest. In Tanzania it grows between 1,500-2,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The gum is collected during the dry season. The gum can be stored for several months.

NOTES

There are 20 Pistacia species.

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