PLANT FACT SHEET

Xylopia staudtii Engl. & Diels

GENUS *Xylopia* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Guinea pepper tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - flavouring, Seeds - spice

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m high. It can be 50 m tall. The trunk is straight and slender. There are buttresses at the base. The trunk can be 80 cm across. The leaves are narrowly oval and curl around the leaf stalk at the base. They are 7-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They are lighter green underneath. The flowers occur singly and have yellow petals. The fruit are about 5 cm long. They are black and have 2-4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forest. It prefers moist valleys. It is occasionally in freshwater swamp. It grows from sea level to 1,350 m above sea level.

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