PLANT FACT SHEET

Guioa pleuropteris (Blume) Radlk.

GENUS *Guioa* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain lac tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds - aril

The fruit are eaten raw. It is the very thin fleshy layer around the seed that is eaten.
CAUTION: The seeds are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It can grow up to 30 m tall. The trunk can be 20-70 cm across. The bark is dark brown. The leaves have 2-5 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are unequal at the base. The flowering stalks are in the axils of leaves towards the end of branches. The fruit are 1-2 cm long by 1-2.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in secondary forest near 500-700 m altitude. It can grow up to 1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 80 Guioa species. They are mostly in the Asian tropics.

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