PLANT FACT SHEET

Rauvolfia vomitoria Afzel.

GENUS *Rauvolfia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 5-10 m tall. The stems are erect and stiff. The leaves are in rings. They are broadly oval and 5-12 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowers are tube shaped and pale green and hairy inside. The fruit are in pairs and narrowly oval.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open spaces in forests and along the edges of forests. In Nigeria it has been recorded at 450- 1,500 m above sea level. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. The fruit are dried and seeds planted fresh. It can be grown from cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic plants flower in March and fruit June and July.

PICTURES



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