PLANT FACT SHEET

Sideroxylon obtusifolium (Roemer & Schultes) Pennington

GENUS *Sideroxylon* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Obtuseleaf jungleplum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The sweet fruit are eaten raw. They are also used for cakes.
They are also used to make an alcoholic drink.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It is usually less than 10 m tall. It can be higher in forest. The trunk of larger plants can be 1 m across and fluted. The bark is greyish or blackish-brown. The crown can be dense and spiny. The leaves at first are arranged in spirals. They are later in tufts. The leaves are rounded sword shaped and 2-3.5 times as long as broad. The flowers occur in loose flowered clusters. There are only a few flowers in a group. The flowers are greenish yellow and have a scent. The fruit ripen to reddish-black. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in semi-deciduous forests and on rocky and sandy coasts. It grows up to 900 m altitude in Argentina. It grows above the flood level in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Ripe fruit are collected and the seeds removed. Seeds will still grow 8 months after collecting. Fresh seed are planted and germinate in 30-50 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit can take 6-7 months to mature.

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