PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria pariry (Ducke) Baehni

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Pariri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh and also used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall. The trunk is 80 cm across. The young shoots have sort brown hairs. The leaves are loosely clustered and arranged in spirals. They are 15-23 cm long by 6-9 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped. Flowers are in groups of 5-10 below the leaves. The flowers are green. The fruit are 9-10 cm across. The are a flattened round shape. They are orange when ripe. There are 2-3 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in non flooded lowland forest in the Amazon.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees take many years before fruiting. Trees flower in August to October and fruit from December to April during the rainy season.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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