PLANT FACT SHEET

Phyllarthron bojerianum DC.

GENUS *Phyllarthron* **FAMILY** Bignoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Zahana

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 8-20 m tall but can be taller. The trunk can be 80 cm across and have its first branches at 15 m. It can be fluted at the base. The fruit is a fleshy spindle shaped berry 6-8 cm long.

Possibly now Phyllarthron madagascariense

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in humid forests. It grows up to 1,600 m above sea level or slightly higher.

NOTES

It has also been put in the family Araliaceae.
The fruit is rich in Vitamins. There are 15 Phyllarthron species.

REFERENCES

Bircher, A. G. & Bircher, W. H., 2000, Encyclopedia of Fruit Trees and Edible Flowering Plants in Egypt and the Subtropics. AUC Press. p 42 (As Arthrophyllum bojerianum)

Ferns, Useful Tropical Plants.

Hedrick, U.P., 1919, (Ed.), Sturtevant's edible plants of the world. p 490

Jardin, C., 1970, List of Foods Used In Africa, FAO Nutrition Information Document Series No 2.p 155

Styger, E., et al, 1999, Indigenous fruit trees of Madagascar: potential components of agroforestry systems to improve human nutrition and restore biological diversity. Agroforestry Systems 46: 289-310 (As Phyllarthron madagascariensis)

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/f0354ff6-7542-4d79-b50f-954084ad3dea