PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Food Plants International: Probably not edible.

Schleinitzia novoguineensis (Warb.) Verdc.

GENUS *Schleinitzia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

DESCRIPTION

A tree from 4.5 to 20 m tall. It has spreading branches and a feathery crown. The young stems and leaf stalk are densely hairy. The leaves are sensitive. The leaflets are in 17-24 pairs each with 40-50 pairs of leaflets. These are 2-5 mm long and 0.5-1 mm wide. The flower heads are 1 cm across. The fruit or pods are red brown and straight. They are 4 to 8 cm long and 1.4 to 2 cm wide. They have 15-20 seeds. The seeds are black and shiny.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are common on beach edges and coastal plains but one variety can grow up to 1800 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

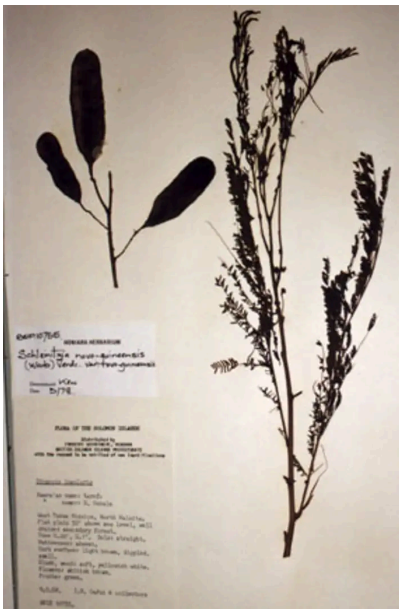
Harvesting and Seed Production

It is often a short lived tree.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.
It is used as a tree legume to restore soils.

PICTURES



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