PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Chrysophyllum pomiferum* (Eyma) Pennington

**GENUS** *Chrysophyllum* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Applebearing starapple

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is sweet and edible.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 35-45 m tall. The trunk can be 60-90 cm across. It can have buttresses or flanges at the base. The twigs are grey and covered with rusty-brown hairs when young. The leaves are alternate and and angular oval shape. They are 5-14 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The edges are curved back. The flowers are in tufts in the axils of leaves. The fruit occur singly or in pairs. The fruit is a berry. It is a flattened oval shape and 2-4 cm long by 2-3.5 cm wide. It is yellowish. The pulp is fleshy and edible. There are about 20 seeds.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on forested slopes and mountain savannah forest on granite. It is often near creeks.

## NOTES

There are about 80-150 Chrysophyllum species. They are mostly in tropical America. There are 44 species in tropical America.

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