PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria cayennensis (A. de Candolle) Eyma

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Cayenne pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 46 m tall. The trunk is 1 m across. It has 2 m high buttresses at the base. The bark is dark grey. Young shoots have rusty hairs. The leaves are in clusters and arranged in spirals. They are 9-17 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped. The flowers are in groups of 2-8. They are in the axils of leaves or clustered below the leaves. The fruit are 3.5 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are oval. There is one seed. It is about 2.3 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland mixed forests and lower mountain forests. It grows up to 1,200 m above sea level.

NOTES

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

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