PLANT FACT SHEET

Uapaca heudelotii Baill.

GENUS *Uapaca* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 20-30 m high. The trunk is 3 m around. It has stilt roots up to 5 m high. It can also have aerial roots. The bark is grey and rough. The crown is dense and with many branches. The leaves have tufts of short reddish hairs at their base. The leaves are 7-23 cm long by 2.5-7.5 cm wide. They are oval with a blunt point at the tip. They are narrowly wedge shaped at the base. They are dark green above and pale green underneath. The leaf stalks are slender and 2.5 cm long. The flowers have cream coloured bracts. The male heads are white or cream and on stalks 18 mm long. The fruit are elongated and 3 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. There are 3 elongated seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in swamp forest near water. It also grow on the edges of savannah forest. In Nigeria it has been recorded at 300 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic plants have been recorded flowering in February and August and September.

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