PLANT FACT SHEET

Micropholis melinoniana Pierre

GENUS *Micropholis* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Abiufi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 40 m high. The trunk can be 1.5 m across. The young shoots have very small soft hairs. The bark becomes pale greyish brown and cracked and scaly. The leaves are spaced and alternate. They are 7-17 cm long by 2-5.2 cm wide. They are oblong. The leaf stalk is 0.8-1.5 cm long and with a channel. The flowers are of one sex with both sexes on the one tree. The flowers occur in tufts of 5-15 flowers in the axils of leaves or where the leaves have fallen. The flowers are greenish-white or cream. The flowers have a scent. The fruit is 4-7 cm long and broadly oval. The fruit is edible. There is one or several seeds inside. They are 2.5-2.6 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland tropical rainforest. It can grow from sea level to 1,500 m altitude.

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