

Trichoscypha acuminata

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Common Name:

General Information

Trichoscypha acuminata is an unbranched or poorly branched evergreen tree; it can grow 15 - 20 metres tall. The straight bole can be 50cm in diameter, the leaves are usually crowded at the tops of the stem or any branches[328, 332].

The tree is harvested from the wild for local use as a food and medicine.

Known Hazards

None known

Botanical References

Range

West tropical Africa - Nigeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, DR Congo, northern Angola.

Habitat

Humid rain forest; terra firma forest; at elevations from 90 - 1,500 metres[328, 332].

Properties

Edibility Rating	🍌🍌
Medicinal Rating	++
Habit	Evergreen Tree
Height	15.00 m
Cultivation Status	Wild

Cultivation Details

Not known

Edible Uses

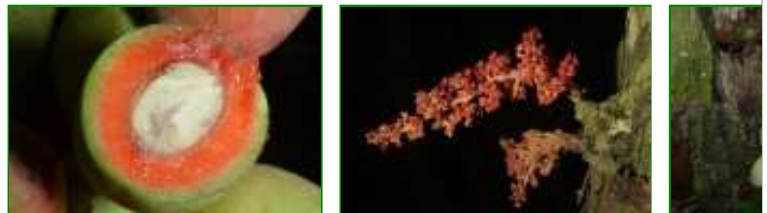
Fruit - raw[332]. The pulp is eaten, it has a vinous taste[332].
The fruit-juice makes a pleasant drink[332].



Fruit cut open to show the flesh and seed

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Medicinal

The bark, and also that of other closely related species, is used as a remedy against constipation in infants[332]. A bark decoction is given to women to treat sterility and dysmenorrhoea, and for haemorrhage during pregnancy[332].

A bark-decoction is used to wash small-pox pustules and to bathe rheumatics[299]. A decoction is also used in steam baths and in frictions of the legs for bronchial affections, headache, feverish stiffness, pains in the sides or stomach, as a vermifuge and an aphrodisiac[332].

The fruit is given to convalescents and to anaemic people as a tonic[332].

A trace of saponin is reported present in the bark[332]

Tannins are present in the bark and roots[332].

Other Uses

None known

Propagation

Seed -

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