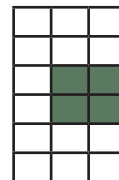


Pouteria altissima

(*Aningeria altissima*)

Sapotaceae



Indigenous

Am: *Kerero*

Or: *Kuraro, Kuro, Quduba*

Sd: *Auera, Gudubo*

Ecology

Grows naturally in Moist and Wet Kolla and Weyna Dega agroclimatic zones of Wolega, Ilubabor and Kefa, 1,000—1,500 m.

Uses

Firewood, timber (furniture, veneer).

Description

A tall tree to 45 m, the trunk straight to 30 m, diameter of 1–2 m at breast height, slightly buttressed at base. BARK: Smooth grey; when cut white latex drips slowly from the fibrous red-brown inner bark. LEAVES: Large and long, oval, to 13 x 7 cm, tip usually blunt and rounded, stalk 1 cm, young leaves hairy brown but mature leaves hairless (only a few on the midrib), veins yellow and clear below, raised on the upper surface; clear dots visible when the leaf is viewed against strong light with a hand lens. FLOWERS: Very small on stalks in fragrant cream-yellow clusters besides the leaves, buds hairy. FRUIT: Oval to rounded, red to 2 cm across. Inside, the shiny brown seed is up to 1.5 cm long marked with a long pale scar.

Propagation

Seedlings, wildings.

Seed

About 1,000 seed per kg.

Treatment: Not necessary, but sow fresh seed.

Storage: Seeds lose viability very quickly

Management

Relatively fast growing. Weeding, pruning.

Remarks

The pale pink heartwood is easy to saw and plane and takes a good polish. It is, however, not durable if used for outdoor construction.



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