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VOACANGA AFRICANA



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1. - *Di plant / The plant*



Di plant na shrub we kin nɔmale gɛt hayt we na 3 to 4 mita dɛm.

The plant is a shrub that is normally about 3 or 4 meters high.

2. - *Di flawa / The flower*



Di Voacanga in flawa i kin smɔl ɛn i kɔlɔ kin bin wayt. In de bigin fɔ kɔmɔt bitwin dɛn tu mɔnt dɛn ya – Fɛbuare ɛn April. I get spɛnshal strɔng smɛl.

The Voacanga flower is quite small and white. It usually begins to blossom between February and April. It has a strong characteristic smell.

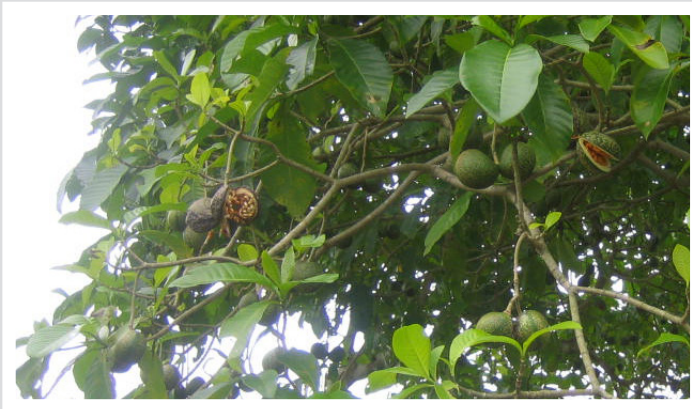
3. - *Di fruit / The fruit*



Di fruit we di Voacanga kin bɔn kin kɔmɔt na di sɔma mɔnt dɛn. Dɛn mɔnt dɛn de, na frɔm Julay to Sɛptɛmba. Da wan de dipɛn pa ani kɔntri in claymet.

The fruit from the Voacanga tends to appear during the summer months, from June to September, depending on the climate of each country.

4. - *Di havɛst / Harvest*



We di frut rɛp, in de opin ɛn di sid dɛn de show sɔmtin lɛk orej kɔlɔ. Dɛn, ɔl di frut dɛn we de na di plant (di wan we dɔn opin o, ɛn di wan we lɔk o), dɛn de pik dɛn kɔmɔt. Dɛn nɔ de wet ta in fɔdɔn na grɔn we in dɔn machɔ.

When the fruit is ripe, it's becoming to open showing the seeds covered in a strong orange colour pulp. Then all the fruits of the plant (the opened and the closed) can be picked directly from the plant without waiting for it to fall to the round when it is more mature.

5. - *We di frut de rɛp / Ripening*



We dɛn dɔn pik di frut na bush, in kin fayn fɔ gɛr arm go na plas we in go rɛp fayn fayn wan. In kin fayn fɔ di frut fɔ mek in rɛp na plas we dry. Fɔ sɛk a dat, in kin fayn fɔ lɛf am na do if na plas usay ren nɔ de kam so nɔmɔ. Bɔt if in luk lɛk se ren go kam at ani tɛm, di frut fɔ lɛf sɔm say we ren nɔ de mit am, in kin bi sɛf insay os.

After picking the fruit from the bush it needs to be transported in sacks to a place where they can ripen. The fruit needs to ripen in dry conditions. Consequently, it is advisable to leave it outside if it is in a region where it is unlikely to rain. However, if there is a risk that it might rain the fruit is left inside, or at least under shelter.

6. - *Di klinin / Cleaning*



We di frut opin fɔ insɛf, dɛn de tek di sid dɛn we de kɔmɔt insay. Dɛn kin du dis simpul wan wit spun. We dan de dɔn, dɛn de lɛf di sid dɛn we de kɔmɔ insay fɔ dray na do, ɔ na opin plas usay bris de mit dɛm, ɛn dɛn fɔ protɛkt dɛm mɛk dɛn nɔ sok ɛn dɔti.

When the fruit opens naturally the seeds inside can be taken away. This can be carried out by simply using a spoon. After that the pods start to dry. They must be dried in an open air area and protected from humidity and dirt.

7. - *Fɔ dray dem / Drying*



As dɛn dɔn bin dɔn tɔk na di ɔda say dɛn, we dɛn dɔn klin di sid dɛm, dɛn de tek dɛn na dray plas – fɔ mɛk dɛn dray. We dɛn de pa dray, dɛn de brɔk sɔm pat dɛn kɔmɔt wit stɔn ɛn agbakɔ.

As mentioned in the previous paragraph, once the seeds are clean they are left to dry. Once dry, they need to be broken up with a stone or a wooden stick.

8. - *Fɔ pak di sid dɛm fɔ gɛr dem go ɔda kɔntri / Export*



We di sid dɛn dɔn dray ɛn dɛn dɔn pul dɛn kɔmɔt na di kanda, na di tɛn dan de we dɛn de kam wit den na MOGAMBO TRADING LTD. Na di ɛnd, dɛn de paket di sid dɛn to 50kg bag ɛn kɛr dɛm go na di harbo usay dɛn de put dɛn na kɔntena we gɛt briz ɛn lod dɛn insay ship fɔ kɛr dɛn go na Irop. Na Irop di mɛrɛsin kampani dɛn de yus dɛn sid dɛn ya so fɔ mɛk mɛrɛsin dɛn fɔ di bren ɛn MOGAMBO TRADING LTD dɔn agri wit di men campni dɛn na di wɔl we de fɔ mɛk mɛrɛsin.

Once the seeds have been dried and separated, it is time to bring to MOGAMBO TRADING LTD. Finally the seeds need to be placed into 50 kg sacks and taken to the harbour, where they are placed in ventilated containers and shipped to an european port. The pharmaceutical companies use these seeds for the production of medicines for the brain and MOGAMBO TRADING LTD. has supply agreements with the main international producing companies.