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Bligia ungugata

Family Sapindaceae

KSW: Mwakamwatu

Evergreen, medium to large tree, reaching up to 20m tall, with a dense, rounded crown. Small sweetly scented white/yellow flowers. 30mm long pink fruit.

This tree is a food plant for charaxes butterflies as well as the Gold-banded Forester (Euphaedra neophron) and the Forest Queen (Euxanthe wakefieldi). A large numbers of flies are attracted by the flowers, probably serving as pollinators. Bees are also attracted to the flowers. Birds, duikers and monkeys eat the seeds with their yellow aril, which may make them important seed dispersers. These trees are often associated with termite mounds.

Above quoted from SANBI.

Fruit and leaves may be poisonous/ Medicinal.

Cultivate from seed.

Butterfly host:
Charaxes sp.
Euphaedra neophron
Euxanthe wakefieldi