


FLORA OF MATO GROSSO

No. R. 1399

*Sloanea sinemariensis* Aubl.

Vernacular names: Houcurana, Patiro.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  km. N. of the Rio Suia-Missu Ferry  
(approx. 290 km. N. of Xavantina).

Tree, 10 m tall. Trunk dividing into 4 nearly at the base; largest of these  in cross section, 16 cm x 8 cm at breast height. No buttresses. Bark silvery, fissuring into tiny brick-like scales. Blage: wood pale cream; cortex pink-brown, narrow.

Growing in forest formation on white sandy soil  
— rather clamber habitat than normal for dry forest.

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Judging from other trees the early forking  
of the trunk near the base seems to be quite  
usual for this species.

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