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Effect of refining variations and bleaching on the characteristics of tucum (Astrocaryum vulgare Mart) pulp oil Auteur(s) / Author(s) OBOH F. O. J. ; Affiliation(s) du ou des auteurs / Author(s) Affiliation(s) Nigerian inst. oil palm res., Benin City, NIGERIA Résumé / Abstract The effects of refining variations followed by bleaching on the guality of the pulp oil of the Tucum (A. vulgare) palm fruit were determined. Conditions found most effective for refining were prior degumming with 0.2% phosphoric acid and 2% distilled water, triple treatment at 65oC for 15 min using 16oBe and 20oBe NaOH at 80% of maximum and 20oBe NaOH at the maximum, followed by bleaching at 105oC with a mixture of activated bleaching earth (2%) and activated carbon (0.2%). Oil processed under these conditions gave the following analytical values: carotenoid 14.7 mg/kg oil, free fatty acid 0.28%, peroxides 10 meg/kg oil, conjugated dienoic and trienoic acids 0.80 and 0.01% respectively and Lovibond colour 2Y. Processing had little effect on the fatty acid composition of the oil. Revue / Journal Title Rivista Italiana delle Sostanze Grasse ISSN 0035-6808 CODEN RISGAD Source / Source 1994, vol. 71, no8, pp. 425-428 (18 ref.) Editeur / Publisher Arti Grafiche Stephano Pinelli, Milano, ITALIE (1961) (Revue) Mots-clés anglais / English Keywords Palm oil Production process Refining Bleaching Chemical composition Color Performance evaluation