PLANT FACT SHEET

Archidendron globosum (Blume) Nielsen

GENUS *Archidendron* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Pokok bongak, Coastal dog fruit

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pods, Fruit

The acid fruit are used in curries and chutneys.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 30 m high and can have a trunk 90 cm across. The small branches are round and red-brown. Near the end they have short rusty hairs. The leaves can be 6-20 cm long divided into a compound leaf. There can be 1-3 pairs of first level leaflets 5-20 cm long with secondary leaflets in 4-7 pairs and 5-17 cm long by 2-7 cm wide. (The leaves vary in size and number of leaflets.) The flower clusters are at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves towards the ends of branches. The flower heads can be 40 cm by 40 cm made up of 25-30 flowers with very short stalks. Flowers have 5 parts and are of both sexes. The fruit are pods which are reddish brown both outside and inside. They are curved almost into a circle which is 6-7 cm across. The pod splits open along one side. The seeds are bluish-black and oval. They are 25 mm by 10-15 mm. They remain attached to the pod.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Trees grow in dense lowland and hill rainforest. They grow from sea level to 1,000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowers occur from January to April and then June and December. Pods occur in January and September.

NOTES

There are 90 Archidendron species. Also as Mimosaceae.

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