PLANT FACT SHEET

Lonchocarpus sericeus (Poir.) Kunth ex DC.

GENUS *Lonchocarpus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Lancepod, Chaperno

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m tall. The young twigs are brown and downy. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 5-11 leaflets and they are 10 cm long by 6 cm wide. The flowers are purple. They are on long stalks. The fruit are woody pods with one to many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry zones. It is often along streams and in swampy areas. It can be in mangroves.

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