PLANT FACT SHEET

Tabernaemontana pandacaqui Lam.

GENUS *Tabernaemontana* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Sorua, Banana bush, Windmill bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Latex, Chewing gum

The latex is chewed as chewing gum.

DESCRIPTION

A slender tree. It can grow from 2 m to 20 m high. The cut bark secretes a white latex. The leaves are simple and opposite. The leaves are simple with a smooth leaf blade. They can be 7-22 cm long by 3-11 cm wide. Male and female parts are born in the same flower. Flowers are white to yellow. They are produced on long spreading branching flowering stalks. These develop towards the tip of the branches. The fruit are long and bean-like. They can be 13-38 cm long. As they mature they dry up and split open. The seeds are small, narrow, hairy and winged.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,000 m altitude. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by hardwood cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The flowers are fruit have been recorded all year round.

NOTES

There are 43 Alstonia species.

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