PLANT FACT SHEET

Allospondias lakonensis (Pierre) Stapf

GENUS *Allospondias* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES False soap-berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten raw. The fruit are acidic and sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 15-20 m tall. The trunk is 80-100 cm across. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are compound and 20-45 cm long with leaflets that are opposite and with one at the end. The leaves have 31-51 leaflets. They are 6-10 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are obliquely rounded at the base. The flowers are creamy white and small and in groups in the axils of leaves and in groups 15-30 cm long at the ends of branches. The fruit is oval and fleshy. They are 8-12 mm long by 8-9 mm wide. The fruit are in clusters and red and have 4 cavities near the end.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near dry forest and often along streams. It grows in deep, well-drained soils. It grows up to 800 m above sea level. In Yunnan and Hainan. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

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