PLANT FACT SHEET

Aquilaria malaccensis Lam.

GENUS *Aquilaria* **FAMILY** Thymelaeaceae

COMMON NAMES Aloes Wood, Agarwood tree, Malacca eagle-wood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Bark, Spice

It is used to flavour curries.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows up to 40 m high. It spreads 3-12 m wide. The trunk is pale and thin and smooth. Young shoots are silky. The leaves are alternate and leathery. They are 5-9 cm long and sword shaped. They are pointed and the veins are parallel and faint. The flowers are in white topped clusters. The fruit are 2-4 cm long and egg shaped. They are velvety. The seed are oval and covered with red hairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical and subtropical locations. It needs a temperature above 15-18°C. It grows in primary forest up to 270 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh ripe seeds. They take 15-30 days to germinate.

NOTES

There are 15 Aquilaria species. It is used in medicine.

PICTURES



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