PLANT FACT SHEET

Artocarpus tonkinensis A. Chev. ex Gagnepain

GENUS *Artocarpus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Chay bac bo, Wo pie, Yan zhi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Sap

The ripe fruit is eaten.
The sap from the stems is used as chewing gum.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 20-25 m high. The trunk is 30 cm across. The bark is dark brown and coarse. The young branches are pale reddish brown and with curly bent hairs. The leaf stalk is 4-10 mm long. The leaf blade is narrowly oval and 8-20 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. It is leathery. They are hairy underneath. The male flower is round and 1-1.5 cm long by 0.8-1.5 cm wide. The female flowers are round and the bracts shield shaped. The fruit are yellow when mature. They are 6.5 cm across. The fruit stalk is 3-4 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs light and humidity. It usually grows below 700 m altitude. It grows on sunny mountain slopes at low elevations in S China.

NOTES

There are about 50 Artocarpus species. They are in the tropics and subtropics of Asia and the Pacific.

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