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Dimorphandra polyandra Benoist

GENUS *Dimorphandra* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall. The leaves are compound. They are divided 4 or 5 times and there are 18-32 leaflets on each stalk. They are small and leathery. The stalks of flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. These can be 40 cm long. The flowers are red. The fruit is a pod 20 cm long by 7 cm wide and 3 cm thick. It is sickle shaped and woody. It is smooth and brown but with ridges across it. There are 7-10 seeds. They are oblong and 1.8 cm long by 0.8 cm wide and 0.3 cm thick. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and savanna forest.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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