PLANT FACT SHEET

Mezoneuron latisiliquum (Cav.) Merr.

GENUS *Mezoneuron* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Sapnit tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young shoots are eaten as a salad.

DESCRIPTION

A woody creeper or small tree. It can grow to 20 m high. There can be a few prickles. The leaf stalk is 20-40 cm long and there are 4-8 pairs of leaflet stalks 7-13 cm long. The leaflets are almost opposite and there are 6-8 pairs of small leaflets. The flowering shoot is 30-100 cm long and in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The flowers can be hairy or smooth. The fruit are pods 10-16 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. There is a wing on the top side. The seeds are oval and 9-12 mm long by 6-7 mm wide. They are a dull brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on rocks on sunny dry slopes. It grows along riverbanks and in forests between 100-1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seed, air-layering or grafting.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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