PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Erythrophleum suaveolens (Guill. & Perr.) Brenan

GENUS *Erythrophleum* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

The bark is poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 40 m tall and is 2.5 m around. The trunk is 10-16 m tall and often has buttresses. The bark is grey and poisonous. The leaves are twice divided and have 3-4 pairs of smaller leaflet shoots. These are 15-30 cm long and arranged oppositely. Along these there are 8-14 leaflets that are 5-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The flowers are yellow to red and in dense crowded spike like stalks. These are 8-10 cm long and 18 mm across. The fruit are woody pods 8-15 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. They are flat and rounded at both ends. The seeds are hard and 8 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in woodland and savannah woodland. It grows up to 1,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or by stumps. Seeds germinate in 7-21 days and are best in the dark.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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