PLANT FACT SHEET

Entandrophragma utile (Dawe & Sprague) Sprague

GENUS *Entandrophragma* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Sipo mahogany

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 70 m tall. The trunk is long and straight. The bark is grey-brown and have cracks along it. It has buttresses. The leaves are clustered at the ends of branches. The leaves are 50 cm long with 16-32 leaflets that are opposite. The leaflets are 14 cm long by 5 cm wide. The flowering shoots are 20 cm long and the flowers are white. The seeds are 9 cm long and 2 cm wide. They are dark brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows up to 1,350 m above sea level.

NOTES

The bark is used for medicine. Edible insects often occur on the plant.

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