PLANT FACT SHEET

Vateria indica Linn.

GENUS *Vateria* **FAMILY** Dipterocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES White dammar, Indian copal-tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seed yield an oil which is edible after refining. It is used in confectionary.

DESCRIPTION

A large evergreen tree. The trunk is cylinder shaped and the bark is smooth and light grey. The young leaves are red. The mature leaves are 10-20 cm long by 5-10 cm wide. They are oval and have a short point. There are 14 pairs of veins. The flowers white and are 2 cm across. They have a scent and hang in drooping clusters. The petals spread out. The fruit is a large 5 valved capsule. It is fleshy and filled with fat.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in SW India. It grows between 60-760 m altitude along streams and in valleys.

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