PLANT FACT SHEET

Pentaclethra macroloba (Willd.) Kuntze

GENUS *Pentaclethra* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Oil bean tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 40 m tall. The trunk can be 1.3 m across. The bark is smooth and grey-brown. The leaves are twice divided. They are 30 cm long. There are many small leaflets along the stalk. The flowers are small and crowded in groups 15-20 cm long. The fruit is a pod that splits open. It is 20-50 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. There are 3-8 seeds in each pod.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 600 m above sea level. It needs an average annual temperature of 20-35°C. It needs a rainfall above 2,500 mm.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees in good locations can start to flower at 2 years old.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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