PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Bombax anceps* Pierre

**GENUS** *Bombax* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Silk-cotton tree

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Flowers, Bark, Seed, Seeds - oil

The young seeds are eaten.
The flowers are eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 13 m tall. The trunk is thorny. The leaves are compound with leaflets arranged like fingers on a hand. There are 5-7 leaflets. The leaflets have pointed tips. The flowers occur singly at the ends of branches. They have 5 white petals. They have a scent. The fruit are oval.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near river banks and up to 1,400 m above sea level.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

## NOTES

In the subfamily Bombacoideae.

## PICTURES



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