PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythrina schimpffii Diels

GENUS *Erythrina* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Schimpff coral bean

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Tuber, Root

The raw tuber is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6 m tall. The leaves are broadly oval or heart shaped and taper towards the tip. They are 20 cm long by 20 cm wide. The flowers are red with long red strips. The fruit are pods that are more narrow between the seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It has been recorded at 275-2,200 m above sea level.

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