PLANT FACT SHEET

Terminalia anogeissiana Gere & Boatwr.

GENUS *Terminalia* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Axle wood, Button tree, Gum ghatti

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Stem bark

The fried gum is powdered and eaten with salt and capsicum. It is used in sweetmeats. It is also used as an emulsifier. It is also used in chocolate.
It is used in making ladoos an Indian sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows to about 40 m high. The bark is smooth and greenish-white. It peels off in flakes. The leaves are alternate. The leaves have leaf stalks. The leaves are 3-12 cm long by 2-7 cm wide. They are oval or sword shaped and pale green. The flowers are in small round heads. They are green. The fruit is a dry stone fruit. It is compressed and has two wings.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Nepal up to about 1200 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The tree when bruised yields gum.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India the gum is collected March to September.

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