PLANT FACT SHEET

Tectona grandis L. f.

GENUS *Tectona* **FAMILY** Verbenaceae

COMMON NAMES Teak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - colouring, Fruit

The leaves are added to the water in which unripe jackfruit are boiled to give them a red flavour.
The leaves are used for fermenting soybean. They are also used in curries. They are also used to wrap food.
The boiled teakwood shavings are used to colour Easter eggs.
Arack is matured in teak wood to give a distinctive flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 25-50 m tall. The trunk is 1 m across. It can have slight buttresses. It is open with many branches. It loses some leaves during the year. The leaves are oval and have a rough surface. They can be 60 cm long. The flowers are in large panicles. They are white or pink. The fruit is round and can have 4 seeds. These are oval and white.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in tropical deciduous forests. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

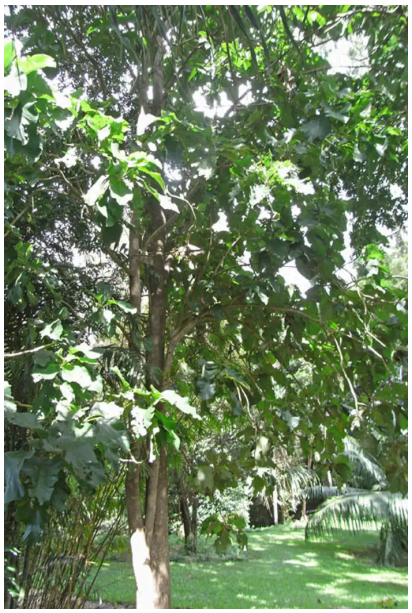
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. It can also be grown by budding and grafting.

NOTES

It is also used in medicine. It is an important timber tree.

PICTURES



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