PLANT FACT SHEET

Peltophorum pterocarpum (DC.) Backer ex K. Heyne

GENUS *Peltophorum* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Copperpod, Yellow flame tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Bark

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. It grows 15-25 m tall. The trunk is 1 m across. The leaves are 30-60 cm long and twice divided. There are 16-20 pinnae and each on has 20-40 oval leaflets. These are 5-25 mm long and 4-10 mm wide. The flowers are yellow and 3-4 cm across. They are in large compound groups 20 cm long. The fruit is a pod 5-10 cm long and 2.5 cm wide. It is red when young but turns black. It contains 4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along beaches behind mangroves and in open lowland forests. It can be on limestone plateaus and grows up to 100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

It is planted as an ornamental avenue tree.

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