PLANT FACT SHEET

Leucaena pulverulenta (Schldl.) Benth.

GENUS *Leucaena* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Great lead tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Leaves

The fruit pod is cooked with chili.
It is also fermented.
The young shoots are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 18 m tall and spreads 12 m wide. The trunk can be 20-50 cm wide. The leaves are twice divided and are 10-25 cm long. The flowers are white and scented. The fruit are pods. The seeds are narrow and flattened. They are small.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is more cold hardy than Leucaena leucocephala but still sensitive to cold. It can tolerate high temperatures. It suits hardiness zones 7-12. It can grow in alkaline soils. It often grows along streams and up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.
It is low in mimosine that affects the use of Leucaena leucocephala.

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