PLANT FACT SHEET

Lithocarpus pattaniensis Barnett

GENUS *Lithocarpus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Ko faai, Lan oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seed is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 25 m tall. The leaves are oval and narrow at the tip. They are rough. The midrib and veins are prominent. They are shiny brown on the upper surface and hairy brown underneath. The leaves are 14-16 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 1-2 cm long. The flower branch has male and female flowers separately. They are along a 10-15 cm long stalk. The male flowers are in threes while the female flowers are single. The flowers are densely yellowish-brown and hairy. The cup surrounding the fruit is oval and thin. It encloses the fruit almost completely. The fruit is about 2 cm long and 2.5 cm wide. The fruit is round. It has a scar. The fruit is woody and 1-1.5 cm high by 2-2.5 cm wide. The fruit contains an edible seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 300 Lithocarpus species.

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