PLANT FACT SHEET

Barringtonia scortechinii King

GENUS *Barringtonia* **FAMILY** Lecythidaceae

COMMON NAMES Putat gajah, Putat hutan, Putat tuba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Fruit, Spice

The fruit are used to flavour food.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading tree. It grows 7-20 m tall. It can be up to 40 m tall. The trunk can be 3-40 cm across. It can have buttresses 2 m high. The bark is scaly and with fine cracks along it. It is brown or red and peels off in small flakes. The leaves are slightly rough. They are glossy bright green. The leaf stalk is 5 cm long. The leaf blade is oval to oblong and 8-21 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. The flowers are on a long stalk that hangs down. It can be 70 cm long. There can be 65 flowers. They are like tubes with 3-4 lobes. They are greenish-white or pinkish-red. The fruit is oval and is a one seeded berry. It is 10-12 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. It has 8 ridges. It is green with a reddish tinge. The young fruit are 4 sided with distinct wings. The seed is oval and 5-6 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are yellow-white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forest at low altitudes. It can grow up to 1400 m altitude. It grows in swampy forests and near streams.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers and fruits year round.

NOTES

There are about 40 Barringtonia species. The seeds and bark are used as fish poison.

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