PLANT FACT SHEET

Haematoxylum brasiletto H. Karst.

GENUS *Haematoxylum* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Brazilwood, Mexican logwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots - tea, Medicine

The heart wood is used for tea. It probably has medicinal properties.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can grow 7-15 m tall. It is thorny. The trunk and larger branches are fluted. The leaves are divided and then have 3 pairs of heart shaped leaflets. The flowers are yellow and in clusters and have 5 lobes. The seed pods split along their length when ripe. The seeds are black and kidney shaped.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It suits the wet tropics.

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