PLANT FACT SHEET

Afzelia bipindensis Harms

GENUS *Afzelia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Apa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - spice

Alinyan, Arinyan, Doussie, Njoc, Odo,

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25-40 m tall. The trunk is straight and can be 20 m tall and 140 cm across. It has short buttresses. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 5-7 pairs of leaflets. The fruit is a kidney shaped flattened pod. 11-20 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. It opens with 2 woody valves and contains up to 15 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the humid forest zone. It grows in forests along rivers. It occurs at about 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from fresh seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic plants have been recorded flowering in March to April and fruiting September to November.

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