PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Alstonia boonei* De Wild.

**GENUS** *Alstonia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Cheese wood, Pattern wood

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Medicine, Spice

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25-30 m tall. The trunk can be 1.4 m across. It can have buttresses 8 m tall. The leaves are in rings of 4-9. They are 8-19 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. The flowers are in a compound group 8-23 cm long at the ends of branches. The fruit are 2 long follicles 22-57 cm long by 0.2-0.4 cm wide. They are hairy. There are many seeds in 2 rows.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

## NOTES

The bark is used for medicine.

## REFERENCES

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