PLANT FACT SHEET

Lannea triphylla (A. Rich.) Engl.

GENUS *Lannea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Fruit, Bark

The root is eaten raw. It is peeled and chewed especially in the dry season. It is sweet.
The bark is boiled for tea.
The ripe fruit are edible.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It is spreading. It grows about 5 m high. The bark is smooth and dark grey. The branches are flexible. The leaves are divided into 3 leaflets. The flowers are in spikes and are cream coloured. The fruit are a dull green. They have soft hairs. The seeds are red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Ethiopia it grows in lowlands between 300-1,400 m altitude. It grows in sandy clay and rocky areas. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from stem cuttings or by seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The roots become succulent and white after rain.

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