PLANT FACT SHEET

Adenanthera abrosperma F. Muell.

GENUS *Adenanthera* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are roasted and shelled and eaten with rice.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 5-15 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are twice divided. They are 4-6 cm long. There are about 6 segments 6-10 cm long with leaflets 1.5-2 cm long. There is a notch at the tip. The flowers are cream or white. They are about 0.5 cm across. They are borne in clusters. The fruit are straight pods. These are 10-12 cm long by 2 cm wide. The seeds are red and black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open forest. It needs full sun and a well-drained soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 12 Adenanthera species in tropical Asia. Also as Mimosaceae.

PICTURES



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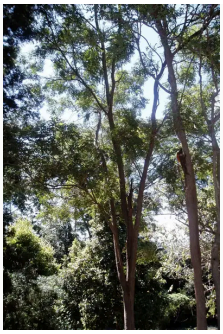

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