PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Chiranthodendron pentadactylon Larreat.

GENUS *Chiranthodendron* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Canak, Hand flower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are used to wrap foods in markets. They are cooked and used as medicine.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can grow 10-27 m tall. The leaves are large and have shallow lobes. The flowers are red and like open hands. The fruit are 7.5-10 cm long. They have 5 lobes and black seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

NOTES

In the subfamily Bombacoideae.

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