PLANT FACT SHEET

Parkia sumatrana Miq

GENUS *Parkia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Royoong, Cay thoi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Leaves, fruit, Spice

The young leaves are eaten.
The young seeds are eaten.
The fruit pulp is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 35 m tall. The trunk can be 40 cm across. The bark is black. The leaves are alternate. The primary leaf stalk and axis is 36 cm long. There is a gland on the leaf stalk 2 cm from the base. There are 12-20 pairs of leaflets on the first set of leaf stalks. These leaflets are 16-21 mm long by 6-8 mm wide. About 8 pods occur per head. These are 45 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. They are covered with dense yellow hairs. There are 26-33 seeds per pod. There are 2 varieties of this tree. One has more narrow pods and more leaflets along the stalks.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Trees grow along rivers in lowland areas. It suits wet dense forest. They grow on a range of soils. The small podded variety grows between 100 and 600 m altitude but occasionally up to 900 m.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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