PLANT FACT SHEET

Pterocarpus tinctorius Welw.

GENUS *Pterocarpus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 20 m tall. The young twigs are brown and hairy. The bark is dark reddish-brown. The leaves are 10-30 cm long. The leaflets are shiny on the upper surface. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit are flattened pods. The pods are 6-10 cm across and have one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 450-1,750 m above sea level. It often grows in termite mounds.

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