PLANT FACT SHEET

Alangium hexapetalum Lam.

GENUS *Alangium* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Kumbi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 6-12 m tall. It is spiny when young. It can be a climbing shrub. The leaves are 7-15 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. They are simple and alternate. They are broadly oval have an abrupt tip. The flowers are 1-3 cm across and pale yellow. They are in short branched clusters of 3-17 flowers. The fruit are 1-2 cm across. They are red but turn black. There is a stone with one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants fruit April to May.

NOTES

There are 17-20 Alangium species. Some put these in the family Cornaceae and also the family Alangiaceae.

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