PLANT FACT SHEET

Pseudobombax septenatum (Jacq.) Dugand.

GENUS *Pseudobombax* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Barrigon kapoktree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.
The seeds are eaten roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It can grow 40 m high. The trunk is swollen at the base and can be 3 m across. It has vertical light green lines along it. The leaves are alternate and compound. They have leaflets arranged like fingers on a hand. The leaflets have short tips. Trees lose their leaves in the dry season. The flowers are large and white. The flowers open at night. The flowers appear before the leaves. The pods are woody capsules 18 cm long. The seeds are small.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open areas or forest clearings. It is often on drier slopes. It grows from sea level to 1,900 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 8-20 Bombax species.
Also put in the family Bombacaceae. In the subfamily Bombacoideae.

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