PLANT FACT SHEET

Pteleocarpa lamponga (Miq.) Bakh. ex K. Heyne

GENUS *Pteleocarpa* **FAMILY** Cardiopteridaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The ripe seeds are boiled and eaten as a flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It can grow 37 m tall. The crown is bushy and open. The trunk is straight and cylinder shaped. It is 60 cm across. The bark is smooth or has shallow cracks. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are broadly oval and 3-10 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. The flowers are in branched panicles at the ends of the branches. The flowers are bright yellow. The fruit are flat, winged and dry with one seed. The fruit are 5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in well-drained soil and in lowland forest. It grows up to 1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. They germinate in 3-7 weeks.

NOTES

The name is ambiguous. Also reported as in the families Boraginaceae, Gelsemiaceae and Sapindaceae.

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