PLANT FACT SHEET

Aphanamixis polystachya (Wall.) R. Parker

GENUS *Aphanamixis* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Pithraj tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Vegetable

The ripe fruit are eaten.
The young fruit are used as a vegetable. The fruit are pickled.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 20 m tall. The trunk can be 70 cm across. The young leaves are red. The leaflets are narrowly oblong and unequal on the sides. The flowers are yellow to bronze and waxy. The fruit are 2-4 cm across and pink or red. The seeds have an orange oily aril or fleshy layer.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen and swamp forest. In deciduous forests it is near streams. In Thailand it grows between 10-1,360 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower and fruit December to March. In Thailand they commonly flower April to August and fruit August to March.

NOTES

The oil from the seeds is used for lighting.

PICTURES



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