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# *Artocarpus nitidus* Trecul.

**GENUS** *Artocarpus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Shining tampang

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten fresh.

## DESCRIPTION

A large tree up to 17-30 m high. The trunk is 70 cm across. The bark is dark brown. There are cracks along it. The twigs are 1-5 mm thick. They are hairy at the beginning. They do not have ring like scars. The leaves are alternate. The leaf stalk is 0.5-2 cm long. The leaf blade in oval or oblong and 7-15 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. They are leathery. They are dark green on top and paler underneath. The male flower heads are flat and finger like and 2.5-12 mm long by 2.7-7 mm wide. The fruit are roundish. The fruit are 4-8 cm across. They are smooth with a light orange skin. They have a sweet orange pulp. There are at least 3 varieties and one at least has edible fruit. The seeds are round or oval and 8-10 mm long by 7-8 mm wide. They are covered in a bright orange coat. There may be some subspecies or one variable species. The amount of hairiness and colour of the fruit varies.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mixed forest. In Indonesia it grows up to 1600 m altitude. In XTBG Yunnan.

## NOTES

There are about 50 Artocarpus species. They are in the tropics and subtropics of Asia and the Pacific.

## PICTURES



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