PLANT FACT SHEET

Pterocarpus santalinus L. f.

GENUS *Pterocarpus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Red sandalwood, Red sanders

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Wood - dye, Fruit

The wood is ground to a powder and used as a red food colouring. It is used in spices, sauces, jellies and other foods.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8 m tall. The trunk is 50-150 cm across. The leaves are alternate and 3-9 cm long. They have 3 leaflets. The flowers are in long groups. The fruit is a pod 6-9 cm long with one or two seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is killed by frost.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

Check Bhutan reference.

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