PLANT FACT SHEET

Baphia nitida Lodd.

GENUS *Baphia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Camwood, African sandalwood tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 10 m high and the trunk is 45 cm across. It can have many stems. The branches are slender and curve over like an umbrella. The leaves are alternate and narrowly oval or oblong. They are 10-15 cm long. The flowers are in the axils of leaves with 1-4 flowers. The flowers are white with yellow centre. The fruit is a flattened pod 10-15 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows as an under-storey tree in wetter parts and rain-forest in West Africa. It grows up to 600 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds and by cuttings.

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